HII is Awarded Contract Modification for Aircraft Carrier John F. Kennedy (CVN 79)



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NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 23, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – HII (NYSE: HII) announced today that its Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) division has received contract modifications totaling $393.3 million from the U.S. Navy to shift the delivery strategy for the aircraft carrier *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79).

The contract action announced today revises the delivery approach for the second *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier, shifting work previously planned for Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA) completion at NNS into the baseline construction contract. Under the new delivery strategy, *John*

F. Kennedy will now deliver to the Navy July 31, 2025.

“The contract modification reflects extensive collaboration with the Navy, as we have supported their decision to change the delivery strategy,” said Lucas Hicks, NNS vice president for *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79) new construction aircraft carrier program. “This strategy will decrease post-delivery work required and increase ship capability and readiness at delivery. We understand the importance of *Kennedy* and look forward to delivering this mission-ready capability to the Navy.”

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Kennedy continues the legacy of highly capable nuclear-powered aircraft carrier platforms. *Ford*-class enhancements incorporated into the design include an enhanced flight deck, improved weapons handling systems and a redesigned island, all to support increased operational efficiency and reduced manning requirements. The *Ford*-class also features a new nuclear power plant, increased electrical power-generation capacity, and growth margin for future technologies.

Thousands of shipbuilders and suppliers from across the country are supporting the construction of *Kennedy* at NNS, which is the nation’s sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Two other *Ford*-class aircraft carriers are currently under construction at NNS: *Enterprise* (CVN 80) and *Doris Miller* (CVN 81).