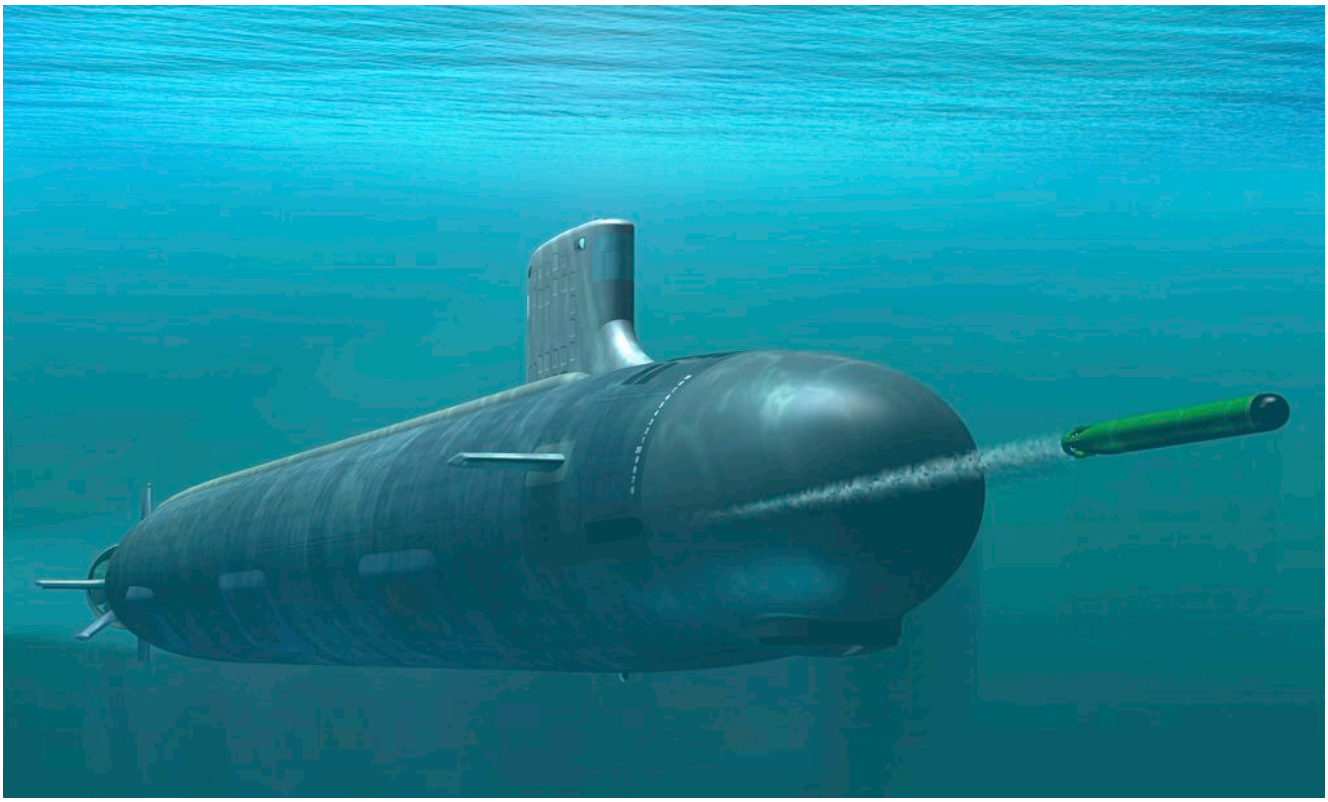
Karman Awarded $31 Million Navy Contract for Virginia-Class Submarine Propulsor Tailcones



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(May 21, 2003) – This conceptual drawing shows the new Virginia-class attack submarine now under construction at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., and Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va. The first ship of this class, USS Virginia (SSN 774) is scheduled to be delivered to the U.S. Navy in 2004. U.S. D.O.D. graphic by Ron Stern. (RELEASED)

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. – Karman Space & Defense has been awarded a five-year, $31 million contract by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, to produce propulsor tailcones for the U.S. Navy's Virginia-class attack submarines.

The award helps the Navy secure long-lead materials, reduce

production risk and strengthen the submarine industrial base.

“The Navy’s ability to expand submarine production depends on a reliable industrial base capable of delivering highly specialized capabilities at scale,” said Jon Rambeau, chief executive officer of Karman Space & Defense. “Meeting that challenge requires sustained investment in advanced manufacturing capabilities and a relentless focus on execution.”

The contract is structured primarily as firm-fixed-price, with cost-plus-fixed-fee options for nonrecurring engineering and specialized engineering services supporting manufacturing strategy development and production implementation.

The award builds on Karman’s longstanding involvement in submarine programs, expanding the company’s content on Virginia-class submarines and reinforcing its role in supporting the Navy’s production requirements.

Karman’s Gulfport, Mississippi, operations bring decades of deep engineering and manufacturing experience to the nation’s submarine programs. The team produces composite structures and propulsion-related components designed to meet the demanding performance and reliability requirements of undersea missions.

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