Navy Awards Boeing $3.1 Billion for Harpoon, SLAM-ER Missile Systems

Harpoon Block II features an autonomous, all-weather, over-the-horizon strike capability for both anti-ship and land-strike missions. These weapons can be launched from aircraft, ships, subs or by mobile coastal defense vehicles. Boeing
ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has awarded Boeing two contracts totaling $3.1 billion for Harpoon and Standoff Land-Attack Missile-Expanded Response (SLAM ER) cruise missile systems, weapon systems in support of foreign military sales (FMS) to seven U.S. allies and partners.

Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) awarded a $1.97 billion firm-fixed-price contract to provide nonrecurring engineering for obsolescence redesign of the SLAM-ER plus the production and delivery of 650 SLAM-ER missiles for Saudi Arabia, the Defense Department said in a release. Work is expected to be complete by December 2028.

Boeing last delivered the SLAM-ER weapon system in 2008, the company said in a release.

NAVAIR also awarded to Boeing a $657 million firm-fixed-price contract modification for the procurement and delivery of 467 Harpoon full-rate production Lot 91 Block II missiles and support equipment. The order includes 402 Block II missiles and support equipment for Saudi Arabia; 53 Block II missiles and support equipment for Qatar; eight Block II missiles and support equipment for the government of Thailand; four Block II missiles and support equipment for the government of Brazil; and support equipment for Japan, the Netherlands, India and Korea, the Pentagon said. Work is expected to be complete by December 2026.

“We are pleased to continue our long legacy of partnering with the Navy to build weapons that defend America and its international partners,” said Cindy Gruensfelder, vice president of Boeing Weapons said. “These awards will not only extend production of the Harpoon program through 2026, they will also restart the production line for SLAM-ER and ensure deliveries through 2028.”

Boeing said it began in October to build a new 35,000-square-foot manufacturing facility “to support increased production for the Harpoon and SLAM ER programs.”

Construction of the new facility is expected to be complete next year.