Navy Awards Contract Modification for Two Additional Virginia-Class Submarines

A Virginia-class submarine. *Photo credit: U.S. Navy*

WASHINGTON – Naval Sea Systems Command has awarded a two-ship contract modification on the existing Virginia-class submarine Block V contract to General Dynamics Electric Boat for the construction of two fiscal year 2024 Virginia-class submarines.

The award signals the Navy's commitment to maintaining its warfighting advantage in the undersea domain and continues the

Virginia-class's teaming arrangement between prime contractor General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, and the major subcontractor Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding, Newport News (HII-NNS) in Newport News, Virginia. To date, the Navy has taken delivery of 24 Virginia-class submarines, with an additional 16 now under contract.

"We recently renegotiated the planned contract to deliver this critical capability, and appropriately share risk between the Navy and industry," said Secretary of the Navy John C. Phelan. "We will be looking at all future contracts with a similar lens to ensure the appropriate level of risk sharing and value to the American taxpayer."

Contract modifications were also awarded to both Electric Boat and HII-NNS to increase workforce support and investment across nuclear shipbuilding programs.

"By investing in the nuclear shipbuilding workforce – which is a national strategic asset – we are working with our industry partners to deliver on this most critical future requirement," said Dr. Brett Seidle, acting assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition.

"The contract award is the result of a highly coordinated contracting effort across the nuclear shipbuilding enterprise, to promote stability at critical suppliers as the submarine industrial base ramps up to meet a historic increase in demand for submarine production," said Program Executive Officer, Attack Submarines, Rear Adm. Jon Rucker. "We are continuing to work closely with the shipbuilders to improve construction schedules to support the Navy's need for a larger more lethal force."

"We appreciate the teamwork that resulted in these critical national security assets being put under contract," said Jason Ward, NNS vice president of submarine construction. "We understand the advantage Virginia-class submarines bring to

the sailors who operate them, and our shipbuilders are working with diligence to deliver them to the fleet.”