

U.S. Navy Selects Boeing for F/A-XX Program



ST. LOUIS – The U.S. Navy announced Boeing has been awarded a multi-billion-dollar contract to produce its F/A-XX aircraft. The fighter will revolutionize advancements in open mission systems architecture, advanced mission systems, and operational reach and capacity. F/A-XX is intended to replace the service's fleet of F/A-18 Super Hornets.

"It's an honor to be selected to produce the Navy's first sixth-generation platform. Backed by decades of work, bolstered by game-changing innovations, and solidified by the investments we've made in new facilities uniquely suited to build multiple products with next-generation capabilities, our dedicated and talented team is ready to execute this critical program," said Steve Parker, president and chief executive officer, Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

The contract is Boeing's second selection for 6th-generation fighter work following the award of the U.S. Air Force's F-47 program in 2025.

"Delivering two advanced fighters in parallel was always our plan and we invested accordingly. We are ready and able to build multiple concurrent future combat aircraft franchise programs," said Parker.

Construction continues on Boeing's secure manufacturing facility, the largest in the U.S. Located in St. Louis, the facility will be part of the world's most advanced, all-digital aerospace design and manufacturing system.

"Investment in facilities is just one part of the story; we're also investing in technology and people so that we can deliver for our customers," Parker added.

The technical and programmatic details of F/A-XX remain classified under U.S. national security and export laws.

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