

## SIBC TALKING POINTS

- Supporting U.S. submarine programs and the submarine industrial base is critical to our national defense, economic security, and ensuring our worldwide undersea dominance.
- My company makes [product for the submarine] and provides [#] high-skill jobs in [state/district].
- The Virginia submarine program continues to be a model acquisition program. Delivery of the USS ILLINOIS (SSN 786) in August 2016 marked the ninth consecutive Virginia-Class Submarine to be delivered to the Navy early and under target cost (over \$100 million). Adequate Advanced Procurement funding is key to the success of the Virginia program.
- **Virginia Payload Module** is needed to mitigate the 60% drop in undersea strike capacity when SSGNs retire. VPM is a cost-effective way to restore undersea strike capacity.
- **The Columbia-Class Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) is the Navy's top priority program and is "...foundational to our survival as a nation." (CNO Jan '16).** SSBNs are the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad. We must ensure that the Columbia-Class SSBN is our highest national security imperative.
  - Ohio-Class SSBNs' service lives have been extended from 30 to an unprecedented 42 years. There is no margin to further extend the service life of the current SSBNs and they will begin to reach their end of service life in 2027.
  - To meet strategic deterrence requirements in the 2030's, the USS COLUMBIA (SSBN 826) ballistic missile submarine must begin construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 to support its first deployment in FY 2031.

## **SIBC's FY18 Congressional Requests**

- 1. Request an additional \$200 million for a total of \$2.135 billion in advance procurement (AP) funding in addition to the President's budget request for two Virginia-Class submarines and the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) design in FY18**
  - Without this additional \$200 million in AP funding, construction spans will increase up to one year incurring, additional costs of up to \$400 million and exacerbate the projected shortfall of fast attack submarines starting in the mid-2020s.
  - PACOM Commander, Admiral Harris, testified to Congress that "[m]y submarine requirement as a combatant commander in the Pacific is not being met...I can't get enough of them, and I can't get enough of them fast enough."
  - VPM added to future Virginia-Class SSNs is a cost-effective and innovative solution to restore the lost undersea strike capacity when the current Ohio-Class SSGNs reach their end of service life in FY26. Continued VPM funding in FY18 is needed to support construction start in 2019.
- 2. Request \$1.934 billion in DOD funding (\$1.147B in RDT&E, \$787M in SCN) and \$157 million in DOE funding for Columbia-Class SSBN development in FY18**
  - Ohio-Class SSBNs begin to reach their end of service life in 2027. Between 2032 and 2040, the Navy will only have the minimum SSBN force structure necessary to meet USSTRATCOM's strategic deterrent requirements. Delivery of the Columbia-Class on schedule maintains the minimum force structure necessary to meet USSTRATCOM's requirements.

*\*\*SSBN Dollars based off the PB17 submission for FY18. VCS dollars are projected FY18 budget submission\*\**