

SIBC TALKING POINTS

- Supporting U.S. submarine programs and the submarine industrial base is critical to our national defense, economic security, and to ensure our worldwide undersea dominance.
- My company makes [product for the submarine] and provides [#] high-skill jobs in [state/district].
- **SSBNs are foundational to national security and are “...the Navy’s contribution to our nation’s strategic nuclear deterrent and our highest shipbuilding priority”** (Admiral John Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, May 2017). SSBNs are the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad. We must ensure that the Columbia Class SSBN is our highest national security imperative.
- The Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program will deliver **a minimum of 12** submarines to replace the current Ohio Class fleet and provide the required strategic deterrence capabilities for decades as set forth in the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review.
- The Columbia Class SSBN is already well into design. Advance construction has started and must be fully supported in FY19 to prevent a gap in U.S. deterrent capabilities when the Ohio Class SSBNs begin to retire in 2027.
- **Virginia Class Attack Submarines** are being delivered to the Navy with historically high quality at two subs per year. The 30-year Shipbuilding Plan’s commitment to a stable and predictable submarine building profile is key to submarine industrial base efforts to add production capacity and capability while maintaining an affordable baseline.
- **Virginia Payload Module** is needed to mitigate the 60% drop in undersea strike capacity when the Ohio Class SSGNs retire. VPM is a cost-effective way to restore undersea strike capacity.

SIBC's FY19 Congressional Requests

1. Request DOD funding of \$3.71B (\$705M in RDT&E, \$3.005B in SCN) and DOE funding of \$138M in FY19 for Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) development.

Delivering Columbia Class on schedule ensures the Navy maintains the minimum SSBN force structure necessary to meet U.S. Strategic Command's requirements.

2. Request Advance Procurement (AP) Funding of \$2.796B (AP \$1.811B + EOQ \$985M), Procurement Funding of \$4.373B for two Virginia Class submarines, and RDT&E funding of \$148M for future Virginia Class submarine upgrades.

- AP funding supports long lead time material procurement, enabling the shorter ship construction spans, resulting in lower costs, and maintaining submarine delivery schedules to support our Navy's operational needs.
- EOQ funding allows suppliers to level-load production, providing work force stability, ensuring quality products, and lowering procurement costs.

3. Request \$150M be added to FY19 Navy SCN, Columbia Class Submarine Advance Procurement Funding for Supplier Base Reconstitution.

- The nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is poised to ramp up production capacity to support the increased demand associated with the Navy shipbuilding plan.
- This enables material orders and helps the nuclear shipbuilding supply base with capital investments to increase both the capacity and capability to prepare for the significant increase in submarine programs and Ford Class Aircraft Carrier program in 2019.