

## SIBC 2019 TALKING POINTS

- Supporting U.S. submarine programs and the submarine industrial base is critical to our national defense, economic security and to ensuring 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 "...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 remains 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 FY20 to enable first ship construction to begin in FY21.
- **Virginia Class Attack Submarines** with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) produced at a rate of at least two per year are essential for the Navy to maintain undersea dominance and strike capability. 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.
- **The 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 FY20 Congressional Requests**

### **1. Request Navy funding of \$2 Billion (\$547M in RDT&E, \$1.453B in SCN) and DOE funding of \$76 Million in FY20 for Columbia Class development.**

- Delivery of the Columbia Class on schedule maintains the minimum SSBN force structure necessary to protect the U.S. and our allies.

### **2. Request Navy SCN Advanced Procurement Funding of \$2.770B and Full Funding of \$4.381B for two Virginia Class submarines Navy RDT&E funding of \$119M for future Virginia Class submarine upgrades.**

- AP funding supports long lead time material procurement enabling shorter ship construction spans, resulting in lower costs and maintaining submarine delivery schedules to support our Navy's operational needs.
- RDT&E funding is needed to continue to develop the improvements for future Virginia Class submarines and maintain the Navy's undersea advantage.

### **3. Request \$175M be added to FY20 Navy SCN, Columbia Class Submarine Advance Procurement Funding for Continued Supplier Base Reconstitution.**

- The nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is ramping up production capacity to support the increased demand associated with the Navy shipbuilding plan.
- Placing material orders with sufficient lead time helps companies invest in their facilities and people, procure spare and follow-on ship hardware that smooths workload and reduce risk while also encouraging private investment.