



## THE SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE COUNCIL

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**TO:** Submarine Suppliers

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Welcome to the Submarine Industrial Base Council's 28th annual Supplier Days. We want to thank you for your ongoing support. Your participation in Supplier Days and SIBC programs throughout the year helps ensure that our elected representatives understand the importance and value of submarines and the submarine industrial base.

As we prepare to engage Congress on Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Defense spending, we are coming off another successful year for submarine programs. This year is especially challenging due to the delayed FY20 Defense Budget and significant turnover in Congress. Past Congressional support clearly reflects the importance of submarines to our nation's security, the effectiveness of the SIBC and more specifically, the hard work of SIBC members like you. We must take this opportunity to educate the new members of Congress on the importance of submarines and the submarine industrial base and reinforce this message to our veteran members of Congress.

With every aspect of government spending under scrutiny, it is crucial that every member of Congress understand the importance of our nation's submarine programs and that the requests outlined below support both national and economic security. The submarine industrial base is a unique national asset, providing both the world's finest submarines as well as thousands of high-quality jobs across the country. This year we are basing our requests on the FY20 plans outlined in last year's FY19 budget and we ask that Congress:

- **Support funding of the Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program.** The SIBC supports Navy funding of \$2 Billion (\$547M in RDT&E, \$1.453B in SCN) and DOE funding of \$76 Million in FY20 for the Columbia Class SSBN program to support FY21 construction start, mitigate risk to the industrial base and provide stability to reduce program costs. The current Ohio Class SSBNs and the Columbia Class that will replace them are the nation's most survivable nuclear deterrent. Delivery of a minimum of 12 Columbia Class SSBNs on schedule prevents a gap in U.S. deterrent capabilities when the Ohio Class SSBNs begin to retire.
- **Support funding for Virginia Class attack submarine (SSN) construction and development.** Virginia Class attack submarine funding is critical to maintain program cost, schedule and design improvements while providing future capabilities to the fleet. The SIBC supports Navy SCN Advanced Procurement Funding of \$2.770B, Full Funding of \$4.381B for two Virginia Class submarines and Navy RDT&E funding of \$119M for future Virginia Class submarine upgrades in FY20. This ensures that we can continue the two per year Virginia Class construction rate essential to sustaining production efficiencies while ensuring our national security and the Navy's continued undersea dominance.
- **Request additional \$175 Million in FY20 Navy SCN, Columbia Class Submarine Advance Procurement Funding for Supplier Development.** This funding will enable the shipbuilders to place material orders and help the nuclear shipbuilding supply base with capital investments, adding additional resiliency and creating multiple suppliers for critical components. The nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is ramping up production capacity to support the increased demand associated with the Navy shipbuilding plan. Improved capacity in the current industrial base reduces risk to the Columbia and Virginia Class submarine programs. Supplier development funding must continue because of the time necessary to add sustainable capacity and capability to the supply base and qualify new suppliers to perform this complex submarine work.

Thank you again for participating in this year's Supplier Days. Your time and effort make a real difference and are greatly appreciated.