



THE SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE COUNCIL

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TO: Submarine Suppliers

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Welcome to the Submarine Industrial Base Council's 29th annual Supplier Days. We thank you for your ongoing support. Your participation in Supplier Days and SIBC programs throughout the year helps ensure 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) 2021 Defense spending, we are coming off another successful year for submarine programs. 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 newer members of Congress on the importance of submarines and the submarine industrial base and reinforce this message to veteran Senators and Representatives and their staffs.

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 the world's finest submarines as well as thousands of high-quality jobs across the country. This year's requests to Congressional members are based on the President's FY21 budget plans released in February:

- **Support funding for Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program.** The SIBC supports Navy funding of \$4.4 Billion (\$397M in RDT&E, \$4.015B in SCN) and DOE funding of \$65 Million in FY21 for the Columbia Class SSBN program to support FY21 construction start in October, 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 additional funding of \$2,768M to Navy, SCN, Line 5, Virginia Class Submarine, to maintain the two Virginia Class attack submarine (SSN) annual build rate. This is the Navy's #1 Unfunded Priority.** The FY21 President's Budget cut one Virginia Class Submarine from the planned two-per-year build rate. Congress specifically included \$200M in FY20 Advance Procurement funding for the ship that was cut in this year's budget request. Further, Congress directed the Navy to budget for two Virginia Class submarines in the bi-partisan FY20 Defense Authorization Act. 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 Full Funding for two Virginia Class submarines in FY21. This enables us to continue the two per year Virginia Class construction rate essential to sustaining production efficiencies while ensuring our national security and Navy's continued undersea dominance.
- **Support an additional \$130 Million in FY21 Navy SCN, Columbia Class Submarine Advance Procurement Funding for Supplier Base Reconstitution.** The SIBC supports this funding request to continue building up the fragile submarine supply base. The nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is ramping up production capacity to support the increased demand associated with the Navy shipbuilding plan. Improved capacity reduces risk to the Columbia and Virginia Class submarine programs. Advance supplier development funding must continue due to the time necessary to add sustainable capacity and capability to the industrial base and qualify new suppliers to perform 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.