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Northrop Grumman Awarded Contract for
Work on USNS Mount Baker

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Nov. 29, 2004 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has been awarded a contract for dry docking work on the Military Sealift Command ammunition ship USNS *Mount Baker* (T-AE 34).

A photo accompanying this release is available at: <http://media.primezone.com/noc/>

The contract is valued at \$954,160. The work will be performed at the company's Newport News sector in Newport News, Va.

"This marks the first job we've contracted directly with the Military Sealift Command in nearly a decade," said Irwin F. Edenzon, sector vice president for Technology Development and Fleet Support. "This repair work will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability to respond quickly with the right resources and get the ship back to the fleet."

The *Mount Baker* arrived at the Newport News shipyard on Nov. 22 for approximately 16 days of maintenance work. Work will include repairs to the ship's rudder. The rudder and rudder stock will be removed, inspected, repaired and machined as necessary. Upon completion, the rudder will be tested and the ship will undergo a short sea trial.

USNS *Mount Baker* is one of Military Sealift Command's four active ammunition ships and is part of the 37 ships in the Naval Fleet Auxiliary Force. It provides logistic support to U.S. Navy ships at sea and replenishes all types of ammunition. Additionally, these ships frequently assist with the transfer of ammunition between weapons storage and maintenance facilities worldwide.

Northrop Grumman Newport News, headquartered in Newport News, Va., is the nation's sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two companies capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. Newport News also provides after-market services for a wide array of naval and commercial vessels. The Newport News sector employs about 19,000 people.

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