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Northrop Grumman Awarded Contract for Planning Work on
USS *Minneapolis-St. Paul*

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. -- Aug. 23, 2005 -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) was awarded a contract from the U.S. Navy for planning work on the nuclear-powered submarine USS *Minneapolis-St. Paul* (SSN 708).

Northrop Grumman's Newport News sector is the prime contractor for the work, which will include scheduling, engineering and design work, material procurement, shop pre-fabrication, ship checks, and personnel training to support the maintenance availability. The contract is valued at \$5 million.

The submarine is scheduled to arrive at the Newport News shipyard in October for a five-and-a-half-month dry-dock maintenance period. The USS *Minneapolis-St. Paul* was in the shipyard in 2003 for similar maintenance.

“We are committed to providing cost-effective, high-quality repairs and maintenance to the Navy’s fleet,” said Irwin F. Edenzon, vice president of technology development and fleet support at Northrop Grumman Newport News. “This will be the third dry-docking availability of a *Los Angeles*-class submarine at Newport News since 2003. We’ve got a great fleet-support team in place and we hope to continue providing this type of service for our Navy customer.”

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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