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Northrop Grumman Delivers *Texas* Submarine to the Navy

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – June 20, 2006 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) celebrated a significant chapter in its history today as it delivered its first submarine to the U.S. Navy in a decade.

The nation's newest and most advanced nuclear-powered submarine, *Texas* (SSN 775), returned to the company's Newport News shipyard following the successful completion of its third and final round of builder's sea trials.

"Today is a proud moment for the shipbuilders of Newport News," said Becky Stewart, vice president for the submarine program at Northrop Grumman Newport News. "From the construction and planning teams to engineering and administration to our partners at Electric Boat and the U.S. Navy, there are many people who have worked on this great ship. *Texas* is a testament to their hard work, dedication and professional commitment."

Texas is the second ship of the *Virginia* class and is the first submarine delivered by Northrop Grumman since 1996.

Northrop Grumman is teamed with General Dynamics Electric Boat to build the first 10 ships of the *Virginia* class. Current plans call for 30 *Virginia*-class submarines in the fleet. Using millions of parts from over 4,000 suppliers in 47 states and the District of Columbia, *Virginia*-class submarines incorporate dozens of new technologies and innovations and are the first major combatants designed with the post-Cold War security environment in mind.

The first ship of the class, USS *Virginia* (SSN 774), was delivered in 2004. The keel for *Texas* was laid on July 12, 2002. The ship was christened by First Lady and Sponsor Laura Bush on July 31, 2004 and launched on April 9, 2005. The commissioning will be Sept. 9 in Galveston, Texas. For more information about the *Texas*, please visit www.nn.northropgrumman.com/texas.

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