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Northrop Grumman Promotes Charles Southall to Director of Advanced
Submarine Programs

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – October 26, 2007 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has promoted Charles Southall to director, advanced submarine programs for its Newport News sector.

In his new position, Southall will be leading the sector in capturing and leading design work associated with future submarines. He will be responsible for all aspects of new submarine design development, from the concept stage through the creation of detailed engineering products. Southall reports to Charlie Butler, director of submarine engineering at Northrop Grumman Newport News.

“Charles has played key roles in construction and design engineering for the *Los Angeles*-class, *Seawolf*-class, and the current *Virginia*-class attack submarine programs,” said Becky Stewart, vice president of submarine programs at Northrop Grumman Newport News. “His submarine knowledge, experience in both engineering and construction activities, and his strong leadership will have a positive impact on the next generation of submarines.”

Prior to this appointment Southall served as a manager in the *Virginia*-class submarine program. He started at Newport News in 1986 as a cooperative education student while in college. Upon graduating, he began his career in the *Los Angeles*-class construction program and has held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility to include project engineer, engineering supervisor and engineering manager.

Southall earned a bachelor’s degree from Old Dominion University and holds a professional engineer certification in Virginia. He currently resides in Poquoson, Va.

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