

Babcock Awarded Missile Tube Contract Extension by Electric Boat

LONDON – Babcock International has been awarded a multimillion-pound contract extension to manufacture a further 18 tactical Missile Tube Assemblies (MTAs) for General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB), Babcock said in a June 2 release.

It is part of the Common Missile Compartment (CMC) project for the U.K. Dreadnought-class and U.S. Columbia class-submarine programs and will support more than 200 advanced manufacturing jobs at Babcock's Rosyth and Bristol facilities in the U.K.

This highly specialized, internationally significant work reinforces Babcock's position as a critical supplier of MTAs, utilizing its digital manufacturing skills and expertise to support the future deterrent sub programs for both the U.K. Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy.

"This is a prime example of the capability of our defence industry to deliver specialized and complex manufacturing in support of an internationally significant program," U.K. Defence Minister Jeremy Quin said. "The contract extension will support 200 highly-skilled jobs in Bristol and Rosyth, building next-generation technology for our vital nuclear deterrent."

Since 2014, Babcock has secured competitive contracts with GDEB to manufacture 57 MTAs. The latest of these contracts included an option to supply an additional 18 MTAs, resulting in the recent contract extension.

This brings the total number of tactical MTAs that will be

manufactured by Babcock for Electric Boat to 75 and will see Babcock's work transition from the U.K. Dreadnought to the U.S. Columbia SSBN program.