

HII Awarded \$2.9 Billion Contract to Execute USS John C. Stennis RCOH



The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) transits the Pacific Ocean during a replenishment at sea. Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding will carry out its refueling and complex overhaul under a \$2.9 billion contract. U.S. Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Walter M. Wayman

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding division has been awarded a \$2.9 billion contract for the refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), the company said in a Feb. 19 release.

“We are pleased to be awarded the contract to execute this extensive construction and engineering project,” said Todd West, Newport News' vice president, in-service aircraft carrier programs. “Our teams have spent three years preparing and planning for each step of the process along the way, and we look forward to continuing our work with our suppliers and Navy partners in anticipation of the ship's arrival at Newport News.”

The RCOH represents 35% of all maintenance and modernization in an aircraft carrier's 50-year service life. Stennis' RCOH will include the refueling of the ship's reactors, as well as extensive modernization work to more than 2,300 compartments, hundreds of tanks and systems. In addition, major upgrades will be made in the propulsion plant, to the flight deck, catapults, combat systems and the island.

Built at Newport News, Stennis was christened in 1993 and delivered to the Navy in 1995. The ship is the seventh Nimitz-

class carrier to undergo this major life-cycle milestone. More than 4,000 Newport News employees will support the execution effort, which will continue through late 2025.