

Navy Gives Boeing Long-Lead Contract for 18 P-8A Patrol Aircraft



A P-8A Poseidon aircraft makes a pass over Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, following a flight in support of Dynamic Manta 2020 in February. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Juan Sua

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has ordered long-lead materials and activity to support production of eight P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft for its patrol squadrons plus 10 more for foreign military sales.

Naval Air Systems Command has awarded an \$800 million contract modification for long-lead materials and activities for Lot 11 production of 18 P-8As, including eight for the U.S. Navy, six for the Republic of Korea Navy and four for the Royal New Zealand Air Force, according to a Pentagon contract announcement.

The funds for the work were appropriated in the fiscal 2020 budget.

The Navy was authorized to procure nine P-8As in the 2020 budget, but one was targeted to be delayed or cancelled as part of a reprogramming request to shift some Defense Department funds to construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.