

Navy Orders Three SPN-50(V)1 Radars from Saab



SAAB's AN/SPN-50(V)1 radar. *Saab*

STOCKHOLM – Saab has been awarded a second Low-Rate Initial Production (LRIP) contract for three of its AN/SPN-50(V)1 radar systems for the U.S. Navy's Shipboard Air Traffic Radar program, the company said in an April 28 release. The order value for the LRIP Phase Two contract is \$37.1 million USD, with the first delivery scheduled for 2022. Radar manufacturing, delivery, test, and integration will take place at Saab's Syracuse, New York facilities.

The AN/SPN-50(V)1 radar system, which is one of the U.S. versions of Saab's Sea Giraffe Agile Multi Beam radar, will function as the primary air traffic control surveillance radar for manned and unmanned aviation aboard the Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and amphibious large decks.

“By leveraging Saab's radar technology already in operational service with the U.S. Navy, the Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program Office and Saab is addressing shipboard air traffic control capability to ensure readiness and cost-efficiency,” said Erik Smith, president and CEO of Saab in the United States.

Delivery of the Navy's advanced air traffic control and landing capability is overseen by the Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program Office. In cooperation with Saab, they are responsible for the radar system's acquisition, deployment, and through life sustainment while in service within the U.S. Navy fleet.