U.S. Navy and Coast Guard shipbuilding—a brief overview

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Navy shipbuilding plan and shipyards

- Navy's 5-year shipbuilding plan for FY15-FY19
 - 44 new-construction ships
 - Avg. of 8.8/year
 - 1 CVN, 10 SSNs, 10 DDGs, 14 LCSs, 1 LHA, 4 TATFs, 1 MLP/AFSB, 3 TAO(X)s
 - \$74.6B in funding for new-construction ships
 - Avg. of \$14.9B/year
- Principal shipyards involved in Navy programs
 - The "big 6" (soon to be big 5)
 - GD's BIW, EB, and NASSCO
 - HII's NNS, Ingalls, and Avondale (Avondale winding down)
 - Two LCS yards
 - Fincantieri's Marinette Marine
 - Austal USA

Current and upcoming programs

Current

- Navy
 - CVN-78
 - Virginia-class SSN
 - DDG-51
 - LCS
 - LHA
 - LPD-17
 - MLP/AFSB
- Coast Guard
 - NSC
 - FRC

Upcoming

- Navy
 - TAO(X) (FY16)
 - TATF (FY17)
 - SSC (FY19)
 - LX(R) (FY20)
 - SSBN(X) (FY21)

- Coast Guard
 - FRC (final 28) (FY15)
 - OPC (FY17)
 - Polar icebreaker (FY?)

Current issues

- Navy
 - Prospective affordability of shipbuilding plan
 - Particularly in 2020s-2030s, with SSBN(X) and SSN/CG/DDG recapitalization
 - Cost growth, construction quality
 - Navy actions to stabilize programs, improve program execution, control costs
 - Fleet architecture
 - Particularly in light of emerging A2/AD capabilities
- Coast Guard
 - Size of acquisition (AC&I) account

Outlook—some things to watch

- Factors affecting funding for Navy shipbuilding
 - DOD top line
 - FYDP-proposed level vs. level in Budget Control Act of 2011, as amended
 - Projected federal deficits
 - World events (e.g., Ukraine, East and South China Seas)
 - Navy share of DOD top line
 - Strategic rebalancing to Asia-Pacific
 - Chinese maritime military modernization
 - World events (e.g., Ukraine, East and South China Seas)
 - Shipbuilding share of Navy top line
 - Costs for personnel pay/benefits, "back-office" costs
- Debate on Coast Guard AC&I account
- Efforts to control/reduce costs
 - E.g., CVN-78, SSBN(X)
- Decisions on upcoming programs, particularly
 - Navy: SSC, TAO(X), LX(R)
 - Coast Guard: FRC (final 28), OPC