

BAE Systems to play a key role in the delivery of AUKUS submarines

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The three nations will deliver a trilaterally developed submarine, based on the UK's next generation design, incorporating technology from all three nations. Australia and the UK will operate SSN-AUKUS, as their submarines of the future, with construction expected to begin this decade.

The AUKUS agreement will further enhance and deepen the relationship between the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia. The selection of the UK's next generation submarine design is a significant development in that partnership and is a testament to the skills, commitment and ingenuity of everyone involved in both our Submarines business and the wider UK submarine enterprise. We employ more than 10,000 people in our Barrow-in-Furness shipyard delivering the Astute and Dreadnought submarine programmes for the UK's Royal Navy and we're extremely proud to be selected as a major partner in this historic endeavour which will ultimately enable Australia to acquire its own sovereign nuclear powered submarine fleet. As a key player in the Australian maritime enterprise, we also look forward to working with the Australian government to explore how we could potentially provide additional support to this important tri-national programme through our business in Australia.

Charles Woodburn, BAE Systems Chief Executive

BAE Systems has delivered five Astute class submarines to the UK Royal Navy, with the final two boats at advanced stages of construction at its shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness. The first three of four Dreadnought submarines are also under construction at the site and the Company's engineers are undertaking early design work on the replacement for the Astute class under a £85m contract announced in September 2021.

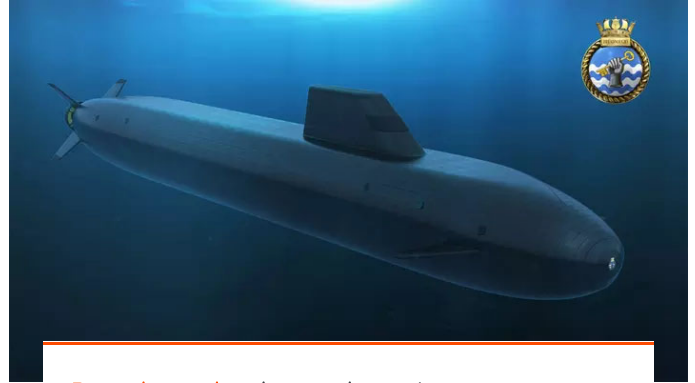
More than £1bn has been invested to develop and expand infrastructure at Barrow over recent years, including £25m in a state of the art training academy. Since 2020, BAE Systems has recruited more than 1,300 apprentices and graduates into its UK Submarines business, with plans to recruit a further 1,000 early careers trainees this year as it continues to invest in skills to support the delivery of the UK's submarines programmes.

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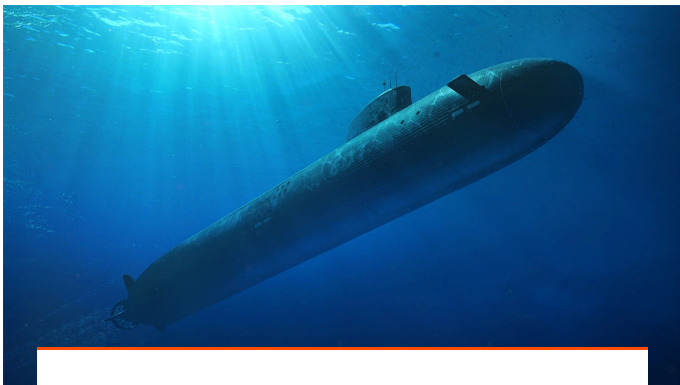
Astute class submarines

The Astute class equips the UK Royal Navy with its largest and most powerful fleet of attack submarines.



Dreadnought class submarines

BAE Systems is working as part of the **Dreadnought Alliance**, alongside partners Rolls-Royce and the Submarine Delivery Agency, to deliver the Dreadnought programme.



BAE Systems welcomes £85m future submarine programme contract

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has awarded BAE Systems a £85m contract to support early design and concept work on the Royal Navy's next generation of submarines.

BAE Systems delivers fifth and most advanced Astute submarine to the Royal Navy

HMS Anson, the fifth Astute class submarine, which BAE Systems has designed and built for the Royal Navy, has departed the Company's shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and head...



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