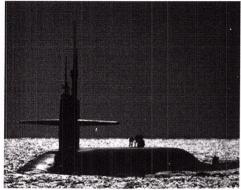
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Navy opts to continue supporting precise navigation system for ballistic missile submarines

ANAHEIM, Calif., 7 Dec. 2006. U.S. Navy officials have decided to continue supporting the precise electrostatically supported gyro navigator (ESGN) inertial navigation equipment for their fleet of <u>Ohi class</u> (SSBN 726) ballistic missile submarines.

This move could mean that Navy leaders, at least for the time being, are opting not to move ahead will plans to replace the near-infallible ESGN systems aboard the Trident II (D5) ballistic missile submarines with a newer navigation system that would incorporate interferometric fiber-optic gyroscopes, or <u>IFOGs</u>.

The Navy Strategic Systems Programs office in Arlington, Va., awarded the Boeing Integrated Defen Systems Command, Control, and Communication (C3) Networks segment in Anaheim, Calif., a \$25.2 million contract Dec. 5 to provide maintenance, support, and troubleshooting for the ESGN equipmer

on Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines operated by the U.S and United Kingdom navies.

The contract also calls for <u>Boeing</u> experts to modify, refurbish, and repair U.S. and United Kingdom ESGN instruments and components, as well as provide field engineering, TR-C5 software, and necessary documentation. The contract number is N00030-07-C-0002.

U.S. Navy researchers also are investigating a new fiber optic gyro (FOG) inertial navigation system for the fleet of Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines that eventually might replace the near-infallible ESGN system now in service aboard these nuclear-powered submarines.

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