Guided Missile Frigate (FFG 62) Update
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Guided Missile Frigate (FFG 62) 
Program Description

Mission:
Anti-Submarine Warfare, Surface Warfare, Electromagnetic Maneuver Warfare, and Air Warfare

Description:
FFG 62 is an agile, multi-mission platform designed for operation in littoral and blue water environments

Employment:
Operate independently or integrated with a Task Force to conduct offensive and defensive Surface, Anti-Submarine, and Air Warfare
Program Status

• Program Successes Since Contract Award:
  – Completing Frigate Class Functional Engineering and transitioning to Detail Design
  – Established Combat System requirements and initiated equipment procurement
  – Navy certified the Frigate Build Specification
  – Completed Ship Scale Model testing at NSWC Carderock Seakeeping & Maneuvering Basin
  – SECNAV Announced:
    • Ship 1: USS CONSTELLATION (FFG 62)
    • Ship 2: USS CONGRESS (FFG 63)
    • Ship 3: USS CHESAPEAKE (FFG 64)

• FY22 Focus Areas:
  – Completing Frigate Class Detail Design:
    • Critical Design Review (CDR) 2QFY22
  – Start Lead Ship (FFG 62) Construction:
    • Production Readiness Review (PRR) 3QFY22
  – Continue AEGIS Combat System Development and Integration efforts
  – Complete Fincantieri Capital Improvement Projects at Marinette and Sturgeon Bay
  – Continue Propulsion Land Based Engineering Site (LBES) Development at NSWC Philadelphia
**Principal Characteristics**

- **LOA**: 496.1 ft
- **LBP**: 462.2 ft
- **Beam Overall**: 64.6 ft
- **Design Draft**: 18.0 ft
- **Installed Power**: 48,679 hp
- **Service Life**: 25 yrs

**Machinery and Auxiliary Systems**

- Combined Diesel-Electric and Gas (CODLAG) Propulsion Plant
  - (1) Gas Turbine
  - (2) Electric Propulsion Motors
  - (4) Ship Service Diesel Generators
  - (1) Auxiliary Propulsion Unit

**Mission**

- **Combat System**: AEGIS B/L 10; AN/SPY-6(V)3; AN/SQQ-89(V)16; MK 48 GWS
- **Hangar**: One MH-60R, plus UAV
- **Armament & qty.**:
  - (1) MK 110 57mm Gun
  - (32) MK41 VLS
  - (16) NSM Weapon System
  - (1) MK 49 RAM
  - (4) MK 53 MOD 9 DLS
  - (2) AN-SLQ-32(V)6 CM (SEWIP) BLK II

**Weight Estimate**

- **LS Displacement**: 6,016
- **FL Displacement**: 7,291

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**FFG(X) Design Features and Capabilities**

**CONSTELLATION Class Frigate (FFG 62)**

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CONSTELLATION Class Mission Capabilities

- Variable Depth Sonar
- Multi-Function Towed Array
- SQQ-89 (V)16
- SLQ-25 NIXIE
- Aviation Facilities (1) MQ-8C & (1) MH-60R
- 2X 7m RIB
- OTH-MLS (16 rds)
- Nulka
- RAM
- 3X EASR(SPY-6)
- 32-Cell VLS
- Mk 110 GWS
- SLQ-32(V)6
- CONSTELLATION Class Mission Capabilities

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Acquisition Approach

Conceptual Design
Collaboratively incorporate U.S. Navy requirements into parent design

Source Selection - Evaluate Best Value of proposed FFG(X) Award

Detail Design & Construction
Validate FFG 62 meets requirements, develop production packages, build

Full and Open Competition

Risk Reduction with Parent Hull
Key U.S. Navy Combatant Standards, Combat Systems, and C4I

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Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG) Shipyard Capital Improvements

- Major upgrades and expansions underway to support FFG 62 Class

**Marinette WI**

- BLDG 34
  - FFG (X) Hull Erection
  - 2 bays
  - 180,000 sq/ft
  - Construction Started: JAN 21

- BLDG 30
  - Panel Fabrication

**Sturgeon Bay WI**

- BLDG 21/22
  - Pipe and Sheet Metal Shops
  - Steel Module Construction

- BLDG 31
  - Grand Module Construction

- BLDG 35
  - BLDG 35
  - Panel Fabrication

- BLDG 433 (new)
  - Module and Super (Tandem) Construction, and Hull Erection
  - 2 Bays – 12 Workstations
  - 90,000 sq/ft
  - Construction Started: NOV 20
Land Based Engineering Site

• **Background**
  – FY21 NDAA directed SECNAV to report on the plan to establish a Land Based Engineering and Test Site (LBES)
  – PB22 budget supports development of equipment specifications, site preparation, and test planning
  – LBES aids in the risk reduction of propulsion architecture, and operation and control

• **Status**
  – LBES requirements have been developed and are in final stages of Frigate PMO approval
  – LBES site planning, plant design, and equipment specifications are being developed by Navy Installation, and approved by Frigate PMO – process is currently underway
  – FFG 62 LBES activities began in FY2021 in order to support planned initial operational capability (IOC) for the class in FY2029
  – Navy is on target to begin procurement of long lead time plant components and test equipment Q2 FY2022
Questions?