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Contracts that contain the CMMC Interim Rule are being solicited now and the expectation is that these contracts will be awarded around May 1, 2021 with work commencing around June 1, 2021. This means that every contractor, prime or subcontractor, must be able to demonstrate that they have uploaded their assessment to NIST 800-171 to the Government's SPRS database. If the data is not in SPRS you will not be awarded a purchase order or contract to work on Navy ships. If you have not already begun to perform your assessment and are working towards uploading your data, you are strongly encouraged to get started now, you do not want to be left behind and find yourselves without work. - Contributed by Derry Pence. (President, PSDSRA)

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President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris at the Pentagon, with Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Mark Milley

"The full budget, set to be released on May 3, should spark heated debate in Congress between an emboldened progressive wing of the Democratic party looking to cut defense budgets, and Republicans and conservative Democrats who say spending must increase to stay ahead of the Chinese military buildup.

Early planning indicates that the Biden administration's first defense budget might only match last year's request, marking the second year in a row that the budget request will not keep up with inflation according to several sources familiar with the guidance.

Overall, a flat budget suggests it's too early for the Biden administration to kick off any deep overhaul of defense spending priorities. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has promised reviews of the global force posture, a rewrite of the National Defense Strategy, a deep dive into the Navy's shipbuilding plan, and a fresh look at nuclear modernization plans, all of which aren't expected to be complete for months, if not a year or more.

The Navy is likely to take a hard look at retiring its aging cruisers, continue pushing plans to retire the first four Littoral Combat Ships, as well as possibly its oldest destroyers."

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USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group

"The Pentagon is at an "inflection point" in terms of how to split the military budget between the services, Rep. Joe Courtney said, a growing recognition that the budget calculus is about to change.

The head of the House Armed Services influential seapower subcommittee just stepped closer to the position of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs that the Navy might be in line for a funding boost — and other services will have to pay the bill.

Courtney is suggesting that when the 2022 budget is delivered later this spring a big strategic question will be "whether or not, frankly, naval and air and cyber are going to take a larger portion of the pie...that conversation has to happen."

The issue of changing the traditional one-third of the budget allocation each going to the Army, Air Force and Navy has been increasingly front-of-mind in Washington, particularly after Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley last year predicted a "bloodletting" at DoD when the expected changes are debated."

Congress on track to extend pandemic reimbursement for contractors



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"This information is slightly dated because CARES has since passed but it is relevant nonetheless.

Congress is poised this week to extend prized "Section 3610" authorities — which let federal agencies pay certain contractors even if they aren't working — as part of the government's next pandemic relief package.

House Democrats are expected Tuesday to pass the final version of a \$1.9 trillion package which contains the extension sought by trade groups and small businesses. Without the extension to Sept. 30, the authority would have expired March 31.

The National Defense Industrial Association, Aerospace Industries Association and the Professional Services Council were among groups that lobbied to extend 3610, arguing it was critical to the national security industrial base's resilience.

The Defense Department spent about \$18.3 million to reimburse contractors under 3610, well more than the six other agencies which were also covered as part of the authority, the Government Accountability Office reported in September."

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USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), due to be dismantled after its devastating fire in 2020. U.S. Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Austin Haist

"ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Navy has revised its ship decommissioning schedule for fiscal 2021, including the date for the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard, severely damaged by fire in 2020. The list also included the first two littoral combat ships.

In an Feb. 12 administrative message, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations announced the plans to decommission seven ships from the fleet and remove from service one ship from the Military Sealift Command.

Ship Name	Projected Inactivation Date	Post Inactive Status
USS Zephyr (PC 8)	March 2	Dismantle
USS Shamal (PC 13)	Feb. 25	Dismantle
USS Tornado (PC 14)	March 4	Foreign Military Sales
USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43)	Apr. 16	Reserve
USS Freedom (LCS 1)	Sept. 30	Reserve
USS Independence (LCS 2)	July 31	Reserve
USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6)	April 15	Dismantle
USNS Sioux (T-ATF 171)	Sept. 30	Foreign Military Sale

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New Senate defense appropriations chairman talks nuclear modernization, defense cuts and earmarks



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If progressives aim to cut the U.S. Defense Department's top-line budget or the ground-based leg of the nuclear triad, they're likely to see pushback from a fellow Democrat: the incoming chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subpanel, Sen. Jon Tester.

In an interview with Defense News, Tester answered the following regarding earmarks:

Q: You came into Congress before earmarks were shelved, and now House Democrats are talking about reinstating them, but there's not an agreement with the Senate. What do you want to see happen around earmarks?

If we're going to reinstate earmarks, it's got to be done in a bipartisan way, or it shouldn't be done. Whether they're limited to nonprofits or to so many earmarks per [lawmaker], all that is less important to me than the fact that I've talked to most people on the Appropriations Committee about earmarks. They like them, and they wish they were back. Most importantly, they have to be transparent so people know what the hell they're voting on and so they can challenge those earmarks on the floor. Would I prefer they go to nonprofits? Probably, but I think I can live with them either way.

Q: If earmarks are revived, is there a benefit to the military because it smooths the way for appropriations packages to pass on time? Getting budget deals has been such a grind.

The benefit of earmarks is that they help bring people together so we get stuff passed, and that's been a challenge since they've gone away. If they're included in a way that is transparent and can be effective, I think it could help with passage of appropriations.

About the SAC:

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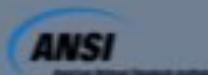
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