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Canada Gives Lockheed Martin First Chance to Bid on Warships Design

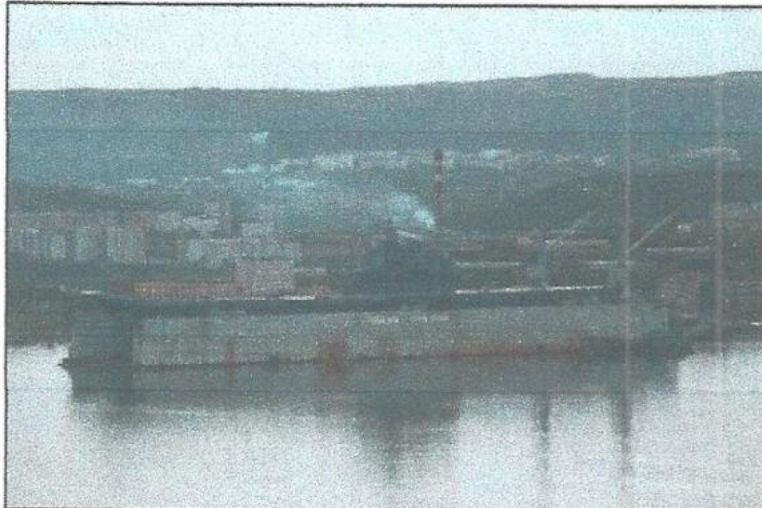
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The Canadian government on Friday said Lockheed Martin Corp would be given first chance to bid on a contract to design 15 warships that will end up costing Canada around C\$60 billion (\$46 billion). The ministries of procurement and defense said Ottawa and Irving Shipbuilding, a Canadian firm which will actually build the vessels, had identified Lockheed Martin Canada as the "preferred bidder to provide the design and design team." The ministries said in a joint statement that Lockheed Martin would have to go through a due diligence process before a contract was awarded later this year. It did not say how much the design deal could be worth. Last year, Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan said Canada would spend between C\$56 billion and C\$60 billion on 15 ships to be known as Canadian Surface Combatants. Construction of the first vessel is due to begin in the early 2020s.

World's Biggest Dry Dock Sinks Holding Russia's Only Aircraft Carrier

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Russia's only aircraft carrier was damaged while undergoing repairs in the north of the country after

the floating dock holding it sank in the early hours of Tuesday and a crane crashed onto its deck, tearing a gash up to 5 meters wide. The *Admiral Kuznetsov* has seen action in Russia's military campaign in Syria in support of President Bashar al-Assad with its planes carrying out air strikes against rebel forces. It was being overhauled on one of the world's biggest floating docks in the icy waters of the Kola Bay near Murmansk close to where Russia's Northern Fleet is based and was due to go back into service in 2021. The carrier was damaged when one of the cranes collapsed and made a hole in the carrier above the waterline.

Navy Rushes to Check Contractors After Submarine 'Debacle'

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WASHINGTON: The Navy is unhappy with its primary submarine builder, Electric Boat, and will pay closer attention to their work on its top priority program, the \$128 billion *Columbia*-class nuclear missile sub, after a costly mistake on ballistic missile tubes almost passed undetected. Speaking at the annual Naval Submarine League conference on Wednesday, George Drakeley, the civilian in charge of the Navy's submarine programs called the incident a "debacle," adding that fixing the issue is "ramping up is going to be harder than we thought."

The problem also affects submarines, which use the same Common Missile Compartment as the American *Columbia*. Over the summer, contractor BWX discovered the welding problems on the missile tubes and notified Electric Boat, leading to a halt to the installation of the missile tubes. The company admitted this week that the faulty work will cost \$27 million to fix over the course of the next year.

The Navy however, says that despite the extra work, the schedule to complete the first boat remains on schedule to begin construction in 2021. That deadline has no room to slip because the Cold War era Ohio-class subs will start reaching 42 years of age, an unprecedented service life for submarines and too old to safely patrol at crushing depths.