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NASWA Recognizes Newport News Shipbuilding as National Business of the Year

Washington - Recently the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) presented Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industry (NNS) with the prestigious National Business of the Year award at their 82nd Annual National Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. The NASWA National Business of the Year award is conferred upon businesses that consistently strive to positively impact their workforce, industry and community. Recipients of this award are also recognized for their support of the workforce development system.

Over the past two years, NNS has grown roughly 2,000 new jobs, and anticipates adding 2,000 more over the next five years. NNS also plans to hire about 5,000 additional individuals over the next five years to backfill retirements and contributes over \$2 million to the community annually. The employees at NNS donate more than \$1 million to the United Way. Additionally, the company has an active volunteer program to engage needs in the community.

"We're proud that the nation's largest shipbuilding company and the sole builder of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers has its home here in Virginia," said Governor Ralph Northam. "Newport News Shipbuilding Company is investing in and employing thousands of Virginia workers, and contributing greatly to the economy and life of our Commonwealth. I'm delighted to see Newport News Shipbuilding Company receive this national recognition, and I congratulate the company on this well-deserved accolade."

"Newport News Shipbuilding's positive impact on their industry and community cannot be overstated," said Scott B. Sanders, Executive Director of NASWA. "Their efforts to build and maintain a skilled workforce while meeting economic demands have provided exceptional returns for the manufacturing industry, the state of Virginia, and the entire United States."

Sanders also noted the particular emphasis NNS' parent company, Huntington Ingalls, places on Veteran hiring and how they also participate in the NLx, the premier national labor exchange for the United States. Additionally, their CEO made headlines last year when he decided to forego his salary so the money could be used to provide scholarships for children of employees to attend early childhood or higher education programs.

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About Newport News Shipbuilding (<https://nns.huntingtoningalls.com/>): Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), a division of Huntington Ingalls based in Newport News, Virginia, is a defense contractor who

builds and overhauls aircraft carriers and submarines for the U.S. Navy. They are industry leaders in innovation, use of digital tools, and efforts to address the holistic needs of their workforce.

About the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (www.naswa.org/): National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) is the national organization representing all 50 state workforce agencies, D.C. and U.S. territories. These agencies deliver training, employment, career, and business services, in addition to administering the unemployment insurance, veteran reemployment, and labor market information programs. NASWA provides policy expertise, shares promising state practices, and promotes state innovation and leadership in workforce development.

About NLx (www.usnlx.com/): The National Labor Exchange serves as the premier national labor exchange for the United States. It creates direct, powerful connections between state workforce agencies and employers by collecting and distributing unduplicated, vetted job openings exclusively found on state job banks and corporate career websites. The NLx is powered by a partnership between NASWA and DirectEmployers (www.directemployers.org/).



(Pictured from left to right are NASWA Board Past President Renee Olson, Dr. Latitia McCane, Newport News Shipbuilding, and Ellen Marie Hess, Commissioner, Virginia Employment Commission)

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