

Jennifer Boykin

President, Newport News Shipbuilding
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Jennifer Boykin is president of Newport News Shipbuilding and executive vice president of Huntington Ingalls Industries in Newport News, Virginia. Named to this position in 2017, she is the 20th person and the first woman to serve as president of the Newport News shipyard, which was founded in 1886 and has approximately \$4 billion in annual revenues.



As president, Boykin leads the operations of Newport News Shipbuilding, the largest industrial employer in Virginia. She has responsibility for more than 25,000 shipbuilders who design, build and maintain the world's most complex ships: nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and nuclear-powered submarines. This includes teams that perform aircraft carrier and submarine maintenance across the United States and globally. She also has responsibility for an industrial subcontract at the Kenneth A. Kesselring Site, a research and development facility in upstate New York that supports the U.S. Navy's nuclear propulsion program.

A native of St. Louis, Boykin earned her bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) and her master's degree in engineering management from The George Washington University. Since beginning her career in the nuclear engineering division, she has held progressively responsible positions, including vice president of engineering and design, vice president of quality and process excellence, director of facilities and waterfront support, and program manager for the nuclear engineering division. She also served as a construction superintendent for the aircraft carrier program during construction of USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) and USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75).

In the community, Boykin is committed to workforce development and is a strong advocate for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs. In 2019, she was appointed by the president of the United States to serve on USMMA's Board of Visitors. Boykin is vice chair of the Virginia Peninsula United Way and served as the chair for the 2019 – 2020 annual drive. She serves on the Hampton Roads

Business Roundtable's executive committee and the Virginia Business Council. Boykin is a founding member of First 10 Forward and of Old Dominion University's Women's Initiative Network, both aimed at empowering girls and women.

Huntington Ingalls Industries is America's largest military shipbuilding company and a provider of professional services to partners in government and industry. For more than a century, HII's Newport News and Ingalls shipbuilding divisions in Virginia and Mississippi have built more ships in more ship classes than any other U.S. naval shipbuilder. HII's Technical Solutions division supports national security missions around the globe with unmanned systems, defense and federal solutions, and nuclear and environmental services. Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, HII employs more than 42,000 people operating both domestically and internationally. For more information, visit: www.huntingtoningalls.com.