

North Carolina Submarine Foundation

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STEM Education & Work-force Innovation Center

OPPORTUNITY

- America's Maritime Industry Builders forecast an urgent need for 250,000 skilled workers by 2035 to build & to repair the Navy submarines and surface ships already funded to be built & to be repaired.
- 3 active USN submarines represent North Carolina: *Asheville SSN-758*, *Charlotte SSN-766*, *North Carolina SSN-777*, a singular distinction.

FOUNDATION'S MISSION

1. Support the Crews and Families who serve our 3 North Carolina submarines.
2. Construct a facility & curriculum that supplies a hands-on, immersive experience in the technical wonder that is an American designed, constructed and operated US Navy nuclear-powered submarine. This STEM Ed. & Work-force Innovation Training Center curriculum and student experience could be shared across the North Carolina School System (Secondary, Science Centers, University & Community Colleges).

PROGRESS TO-DATE

- Both New Hanover County & City of Wilmington agree to locate facility in NHC
- Cape Fear Comm. College agrees to develop a companion Work-force Innovation curriculum
- Navy's [BuildSubmarines.com](https://www.buildsubmarines.com) Program Office endorses concept & implementation capability
- Subject-matter expertise includes a network of 110 North Carolina resident submarine sailors

