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More than 400 Nixie systems delivered during past 20 years

SMITHFIELD, Pa. Jan. 13, 2015 – Boeing [NYSE: BA], through its Argon ST subsidiary, will provide the U.S. Navy with five additional AN/SLQ-25C surface ship torpedo defense systems, continuing more than two decades of helping protect ships and sailors around the world.

Known as “Nixie”, the system lures torpedoes away from intended targets by mimicking a ship’s acoustic signature. It is currently installed on all U.S. Navy combatant ships and the vessels of more than 20 other naval forces.

“For more than 20 years, Nixie has provided sailors with protection and peace-of-mind, and this contract ensures our partnership with the U.S. Navy will continue to grow,” said Mark Bock, director of Maritime Defensive Systems at Argon ST. “With a new, state-of-the art, streamlined production line for the towed body component, we continue to maximize Nixie’s capability and affordability for our global customers.”

Argon ST is the sole contractor for the design, development and manufacture of this electro-acoustic decoy system. Work under the \$6.5 million contract, will be done in Lemont Furnace and Smithfield, Pa.

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A video story featuring the AN/SLQ-25C Nixie system is available online at http://www.boeing.com/boeing/Features/2014/08/bds_nixie_08_13_14.page

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