

## **COLUMBIA SUBS TO REPLACE TRIDENT AT A COST OF \$100 BILLION**

Today's Trident II D5 missile has an explosive force equal to 304 Hiroshima bombs.

The present Trident submarine force has the capacity to kill the current population of the world twice over.

Trident submarines are presently the most powerful killing machine in human history.

**The U.S. is planning to spend \$100 billion on a new class of weapons to enhance this capacity for total annihilation.**

The Columbia-class submarines will carry 70% of the U.S.'s active nuclear arsenal once in service. They will replace the 14 Ohio-class Trident submarines set to retire beginning in 2017. The 12 submarines will carry 16 "new and improved" versions of the Trident II, D5 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM's) with nuclear warheads made by Lockheed Martin, which have been on submarines since 1990.

**The Columbia is expected to be a \$100 billion program over its lifetime.**

General Dynamics/Electric Boat is the prime contractor for the new submarine. Engineers are now at work in their New London facility designing it. It will be built at the Groton facility, while the hulls are fabricated in Rhode Island.

### **WHEN DID WE VOTE FOR THIS?**

We didn't.

As we have detailed in previous leaflets, on May 1, Gov. Dannel Malloy announced an \$83 million state subsidy package to General

Dynamics. Connecticut's corporate welfare bill is for equipment, tax exemptions, jobs, and dredging, adding to the Federal monies paid to the weapons maker for nuclear submarines. There was no debate, no public hearing and very little prior publicity about this bill until it became a fait accompli.

If you had known about it, would you have voted for this corporate giveaway for more weapons of mass destruction? Or would you, perhaps, have preferred that our state return some of the money it cut from Medicaid, health and human services, education and retirement benefits?

*(With thanks to the New England War Resisters League for the facts and figures about the Columbia class submarines:*

### **RESIST THIS ENDLESS WAR**

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***Since 1999, the New Haven Sunday Vigil has been held here every week from 12-1pm at Broadway, Park and Elm Streets in New Haven, CT, to emphatically say NO to the state of permanent, ongoing war against the world being waged by our government and its allies- a war which is terrorizing the planet and destroying lives in order to consolidate enormous power and wealth in the hands of a very few people.***

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