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Vice President

John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) Aircraft Carrier Construction

Lucas Hicks is vice president for *John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) Aircraft Carrier Construction* at Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, located in Newport News, Va. Named to this position in 2017, he is responsible for program management, planning and construction for the second ship of the *Gerald R. Ford*-class.

Hicks began his career with the shipyard in 1991 as a pipe engineer in the Submarine Engineering Division. Since then, he has held numerous leadership positions in the Sealift Conversion Program and In-Service Aircraft Carrier Program; as well as the Aircraft Carrier New Construction Division, where he was responsible for construction and integration of *Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78)* machinery systems and components. Prior to his current appointment, Hicks served as the company's director of Facilities and Real Estate and was responsible for overseeing multiple large scale capital initiatives, as well as sustaining and maintaining the core facility and assets across the company's more than 550-acre campus.

He earned a bachelor's degree in marine engineering systems from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a master's degree in engineering management from The George Washington University. In 2015, Hicks was a recipient of the NNS President's Model of Excellence Award for exceptional leadership. He is active in the local community through his involvement as a coach for various youth sporting leagues.



About Newport News Shipbuilding:

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, is the nation's sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. NNS also provides fleet services for naval ships and recently expanded its nuclear and manufacturing expertise into Department of Energy and alternative energy business ventures. Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, the shipyard's vast facilities span more than 550 acres along two miles of waterfront on the historic James River. It is the largest industrial employer in Virginia, employing more than 23,000 people, many of whom are third and fourth generation shipbuilders. For more information, please visit www.huntingtoningalls.com.