

**ANNOUNCER**

GOOD AFTERNOON. WELCOME TO THE CONTRACT SIGNING FOR CVN 80 AND CVN 81.

**JENNIFER BOYKIN, PRESIDENT, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING**

IT'S VERY HISTORIC AND IT'S VERY EXCITING. WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM FROM THE PROGRAM OFFICE, CONTRACTS AND PRICING AND OUR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, SUPPORTED BY REALLY EVERY FUNCTION ACROSS THE COMPANY TO PREPARE FOR AND TO DEBATE BACK AND FORTH WITH THE NAVY AND REALLY SETTLE ON A CONTRACT THAT SERVES THE NATION AND REALLY IS A VERY GOOD CONTRACT FOR US. IT'S GOING TO CREATE THE LETHALITY THAT THESE CARRIERS BRING IN A WAY THAT MAKES THEM MUCH MORE AFFORDABLE SO IT'S A VERY GREAT DAY AND I'M SO PROUD OF THEM. I MEAN, THEY'VE WORKED LONG HOURS FOR, YOU KNOW, WELL OVER A YEAR AND A HALF TO GET TO THIS POINT AND SO IT'S JUST AN EXCITING DAY TO SEE ALL THAT COME TO FRUITION.

**REAR ADMIRAL BRIAN ANTONIO, USN, PEO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS**

NOT ONLY ARE *FORD*-CLASS CARRIERS CAPABLE, BUT THIS CONTRACT WILL MAKE THEM AFFORDABLE, AND THEREBY ALLOWING THE NAVY TO PROCURE, MAINTAIN AND MODERNIZE THE REST OF THE FLEET.