

Calls Casey “an exceptional leader in steering Electric Boat through a challenging period”

NORWICH, CT – Congressman Joe Courtney today released the following statement about the appointment of John P. Casey as Executive Vice President of General Dynamics Marine Systems group.

“John has been an exceptional leader in steering Electric Boat through a challenging period, and Connecticut is grateful for his service. After seeing his hands-on approach to building submarines to his advocacy in Washington on behalf of shipbuilding, I have been grateful to work alongside John in making the case to begin building two submarines a year. He will leave a legacy at Electric Boat of building new submarines ahead of schedule and below budget – demonstrating the ability of the industrial base to meet the demands of our Navy, the nation’s security, and the taxpayer.”

“John’s in-depth knowledge of the submarine and shipbuilding construction process, his forward-leaning focus on innovation and cost reduction and his up-front personal style makes him the right man for the job to oversee three of our nation’s major shipyards. The shipbuilding industry and our nation will benefit from John’s leadership in his new role, and I look forward to continuing to work with him.”

Casey has served as President of Electric Boat since 2003. In his new position, he will oversee operations at Electric Boat, Bath Iron Works in Maine and NASSCO in San Diego, among other duties. Kevin Poitras, who now serves as senior vice president of engineering, design and business development, will succeed Casey as President.

“From his time at Electric Boat as an engineer and working his way up through the ranks, Kevin has a unique perspective and a depth of knowledge about the challenges facing our submarine industrial base. With Kevin at the helm, I know Electric Boat and its success in bringing new submarines on line ahead of schedule and under budget is in good hands. I look forward to continuing to working with him and his team.”

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