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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$42 MILLION NAVY
CONTRACT AWARDS FOR RAYTHEON**

Integrated Defense Systems to be Installed on Combat Ships and Australian Subs

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs has awarded Raytheon Company, Integrated Defense Systems of Portsmouth a contract in the amount of \$32,368,432. The contract is to exercise an option to provide systems engineering and technical services and production of systems to be installed on five Royal Australian Navy Collins Class submarine platforms. Funding of this option is 100% for the government of Australia under Foreign Military Sales. Work is expected to be completed by April 2006. For more information contact Arthur Rossi at (401) 842-2270.

In addition, Raytheon Integrated Systems will also receive \$9,996,124 for the Flight 0 Combat Ship Preliminary Design. The Littoral Combat Ship will be a networked, agile, and high-speed surface combatant with versatile war fighting capabilities. Work is expected to be completed in January 2004. More information on this contract may be obtained by contacting Bob Abbott at (858) 522-4257.

“I am pleased with the Navy’s continued interest in the development of this vital element of our national defense,” said Chafee. “These exciting projects will enhance both the economy and the employment opportunities on Aquidneck Island.”

NOTE: Senator Chafee will be meeting with Raytheon officials Monday, July 21st at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Integrated Defense Systems and to meet with employees.

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