AUSTRALIA TO BUY AS MANY AS FIVE NUCLEAR SUBS FROM UNITED STATES

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Submarines are part of the AUKUS pact with the UK, which may also jointly develop a vessel with Australia.

Australia is expected to announce it will buy as many as five US Virginia class nuclear-powered submarines in the 2030s as part of a landmark Pacific security pact with the United States and the United Kingdom, according to four US officials.

Under the so-called AUKUS agreement, at least one US submarine will visit Australian ports in the coming years and, by the late 2030s, a new class of submarines will be being built with UK designs and US technology, one of the officials told the Reuters news agency.

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