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SBX Radar Vessel to Return to Hawaii

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM –The Missile Defense Agency's Sea-Based X-Band Radar (SBX) will be visible on the horizon from Oahu soon and will arrive on or about Thursday, March 15 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The primary purpose for its return is to facilitate a change in contractors for some of the SBX support functions.

The SBX is a unique combination of an advanced X-band radar mounted on a mobile, ocean-going, semi-submersible platform that provides the nation's Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) with an extremely powerful and capable radar for defensive operations and tests.

The SBX remains an operational asset for our nation's homeland defense as an integral part of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). While the Missile Defense Agency operates the X-band radar, the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command operates the government-owned vessel.

The SBX fact sheet, still photos and video are available to the media at the MDA public web site www.mda.mil <<http://www.mda.mil>>.

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