

Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, offered the following comment on the Defense Department's statement to extend the May 10, 2010 bid deadline by 60 days for the U.S. Air Force tanker contract.

"When Northrop Grumman withdrew from the KC-X competition a few weeks ago, the Department of Defense was faced with the extremely undesirable prospect of awarding a \$35 billion sole-source contract to Boeing. I am now encouraged that EADS is considering offering a proposal and I urge DoD to do everything necessary to preserve this vital competition. Taxpayers and warfighters alike will benefit from competition and I welcome the prospect that EADS will build tankers for our Air Force in Mobile, Alabama."