

WASHINGTON - Congressman Jo Bonner, R-AL, offered the following comment in response to EADS North America's decision to submit a proposal as prime contractor for the KC-X aerial tanker.

"Today's announcement by EADS is welcomed news to those of us who believe that competition is actually an American ideal.

The Pentagon will now have the competition that Congress mandated, and the Air Force will again have a choice between the newest, latest technology and something from a bygone era.

EADS and Mobile have already proven we can win a real head to head competition. Again, we stand ready to deliver the best tanker for the warfighter and the taxpayer."