

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) issued the following statement today regarding the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new competition to build the KC-X Tanker:

“The Pentagon cancelled the tanker competition over one year ago, and today’s release of the draft RFP indicates the process to replace our military’s aging refueling tankers is once again moving forward.

“In drafting the new rules for the competition, I am encouraged by the Air Force’s decision not to include provisions based on the World Trade Organization’s preliminary report.

“The American warfighter is in desperate need of modern, new tankers. Some of the tankers in our current fleet are celebrating their Golden Anniversary, certainly not the state-of-the-art aircraft we expect our military to take to the enemy.

“I am hopeful this draft RFP will maintain a level playing field for both competitors, and I look forward to reviewing the draft RFP in its entirety to ensure the Air Force is conducting a fair,

evenhanded competition that brings out the best in both companies and results in a winner that provides the best value to our military.”

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