

MOBILE - Cong. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today issued the following statement following the announcement that Mobile, Alabama, has been selected as the site for that company's aircraft production facility:

"I am extremely pleased and proud that EADS has selected Mobile, Alabama, as the site of its new aircraft production facility. I would like to extend my congratulations as well to our competitors in Melbourne, Florida, Kiln, Mississippi, and Charleston, South Carolina, for each making it into the final round of four in this process and for clearly demonstrating that there are many areas in the United States that would make an outstanding home for a facility such as that proposed by EADS.

"Choosing south Alabama for this new plant is a tremendous accomplishment, and this announcement is the end result of an extremely concerted and unified recruitment effort on the part of Alabama's elected officials and economic development representatives on the local, state, and federal levels. I am particularly grateful for the hard work put into this process by Governor Riley, Neal Wade of the Alabama Development Office, my colleagues in the Alabama congressional delegation, the Mobile Airport Authority, and the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

"During the next several years, I am certain EADS will find the Mobile area an eager and enthusiastic partner in Alabama's burgeoning aircraft industry, and I look forward to doing all I can to ensure this new partnership is as successful and beneficial for everyone involved as possible."