

LONDON - Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, is part of a delegation of Alabama and Gulf Coast leaders seeking to reel in thousands of anticipated aviation supplier jobs that are expected to follow Airbus to our region over the next three years.

Rep. Bonner is joining Governor Robert Bentley and other state and local officials and business leaders in meetings with Airbus suppliers who are in London, England this week for the Farnborough International Airshow.

"From the moment we first received word that Airbus was coming to Mobile, there has been a combined regional effort to reach out to the many aviation suppliers who will play a role in building these planes," Rep. Bonner said.

"I am in London to personally deliver the message to every company that makes parts for Airbus that locating manufacturing facilities in South Alabama is a winning proposition for their business. No matter what they are hired to manufacture - aircraft engines to upholstery - Alabama workers are the best in the nation and we have a sterling track record to prove it.

"Airbus follows a growing list of major international businesses which have chosen Alabama because we go the extra mile to make them feel welcome," Rep. Bonner added. "Airbus coming to Mobile has caught the attention of the world and the proof is fully evident in the attention our delegation has received from manufacturers this week in London. We are making a full court press to roll out the red carpet for Airbus suppliers. This is our one chance to make a positive impression and I believe this trip will be successful."

During the job-recruiting mission, Congressman Bonner joined state leaders in meeting with Airbus CEO Fabrice Bregier, as well as with more than a dozen aircraft industries angling to be selected as Airbus suppliers.

On July 2, 2012, Airbus announced plans to build a \$600 million plant at Mobile's Brookley Field to assemble its new A320neo aircraft. The new Airbus facility will employ 1000 workers. An additional 2,500 construction jobs will be generated during the plant's construction. Thousands more jobs are predicted to follow as suppliers ramp up operations to serve the new Airbus

plant. Rep. Bonner and other Alabama officials are promoting South Alabama as the logical location for these new jobs.

Congressman Bonner is expected to return from the five-day job-recruiting trip Wednesday evening.

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