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**Washington Aerospace Partnership
Statement on Tanker RFP**

The US Tanker Refueling RFP should be based on what is needed for our US service men and women to win wars – not the needs of the RFP bidders.

We in Washington state know we have the skilled workforce, the experience and the focus to build the best planes for this important purpose.

Delay is not acceptable. We need this tanker ASAP; we encourage the Pentagon to proceed post haste.

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The Washington Aerospace Partnership is a diverse coalition of business and labor leaders, civic and elected officials, and private citizens across Washington who are joining to ensure that we protect and expand jobs in aerospace. It is co-chaired by Bob Drewel, Prosperity Partnership, Rick Bender, Washington State AFL-CIO, and Tayloe Washburn, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.