



Congressional Committee Vote to Impact More Than 500 Jobs in Minnesota

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House Armed Services Committee to consider funding for new U.S. Air Force Tanker

WASHINGTON, May 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- This week, the House Armed Services Committee will vote on legislation that will have a direct economic impact on the state of Minnesota. The committee, which includes Minnesota Congressman John Kline among its members, will consider funding for the KC-45, the U.S. Air Force's next generation aerial refueling tanker.

On Feb. 29, the Air Force selected Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) to provide that tanker. Northrop Grumman has engaged 230 suppliers in 49 states to assist with the project. Those suppliers will support 48,000 new direct and indirect jobs, including more than 500 in Minnesota, generating \$35 million in new economic activity in the state.

"We're proud that the people of Minnesota will be participating in the effort to provide the Air Force with the tanker," said Paul Meyer, vice president of Air Mobility Systems for Northrop Grumman. "We're also proud that Northrop Grumman can provide an economic boost to Minnesota."

Suppliers in Minnesota that will participate in the development of the Northrop Grumman KC-45 include Honeywell in Minneapolis and Goodrich in Burnsville. To learn more about the impact this program will have on Minnesota or the other 48 states that will participate in the program, go to this link: <http://www.northropgrumman.com/kc45/benefits/impact.html>

About the KC-45

The KC-45 Tanker aircraft will be assembled in Mobile, Ala., and will be built by a world-class industrial team led by Northrop Grumman. The KC-45 team includes EADS North America, General Electric Aviation and Sargent Fletcher.

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