

## September 10, 2008 - Murtha Statement on DoD Decision to Terminate the Current Tanker Replacement Solicitation

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, released the following statement today after speaking with Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England regarding the Department's termination of the current solicitation for a U.S. Air Force airborne tanker replacement:

"I believe that Secretary Gates made the right decision in providing the next Administration with the opportunity to review the requirements and proceed with a new solicitation.

"Our Committee advised the Defense Department to ensure that there was enough time for legitimate competition. This decision will allow for that.

"Now our job will be to work with the Department to make certain that our current tankers, that are over 40 years old, will be rehabilitated to ensure we have tankers available for world-wide Air Force missions."

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