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McMorris Rodgers' Statement on Reopening of Bidding for New Air Refueling Tankers

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers released the following statement after the Air Force officially reopened the bidding process for the next generation of air refueling tankers:

“It’s important the bidding and selection process takes place quickly, smoothly and fairly in order to replace the aging KC-135 tankers at Fairchild Air Force Base as soon as possible.

“As I’ve said since the air refueling contract process began, we must ensure the procurement process is fair and transparent so we can be sure we are building the best tankers possible for America at the best value for taxpayers.”

Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers represents Fairchild Air Force Base, the largest employer in the Spokane area. Since coming to Congress in 2005, she has been working to protect and expand the role of Fairchild AFB. Included in that effort is her work to ensure the next generation of air refueling tankers is based at Fairchild AFB.

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