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**Cobham Awarded USAF KC-46 Tanker Engineering
Subcontracts In Excess of US \$73 Million**

ARLINGTON, Virginia – Cobham has been awarded two subcontracts by Boeing related to the hose and drogue aerial refueling system that will be used by the US Air Force's new KC-46 tanker aircraft. The contracts, valued in excess of \$73 million, relate to the Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) phase of the program, including development hardware.

Earlier this year, the United States Air Force (USAF) selected Boeing to provide the next generation strategic tanker, the KC-46. Shortly thereafter, it was announced that Boeing had selected Cobham to provide the hose and drogue refueling systems. These systems will be manufactured by Cobham Mission Equipment at its air to air refueling center of excellence in Davenport, Iowa. Deliveries on the engineering phase begin in 2014, with low-rate initial production starting in 2015.

The USAF plans to acquire 179 KC-46 tankers from Boeing. Cobham expects to equip each aircraft with a centerline drogue system. Approximately 30 tankers will also be provided with a pair of wing-mounted aerial refueling pods.



About Cobham Mission Equipment

Cobham Mission Equipment is a systems integration business that has been providing innovative solutions to its customers for over 75 years. The business is the market leader for air-to-air refueling (AAR), providing fifth generation 'nose to tail' solutions from the cockpit of the donor aircraft, to the tail of the receiver platform. More than 1,000 systems have been delivered for buddy-buddy refueling, tactical and strategic

tanking for fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, with Unmanned Air vehicle refueling development well advanced.

The 'nose to tail' AAR capability is complemented by a comprehensive 'wingtip to wingtip' offering covering a range of weapons carriage and release equipment, including missile launchers, cryogenic cooling for missile seekers, pneumatic missile fin actuation and wing store carriers, bomb ejection, defensive aids, chaff and flare systems.

Mission Equipment is also a systems solution provider in the field of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) robot technology, providing a range of unmanned ground systems and robots serving international homeland security and military markets, with more than 700 systems delivered to 55 countries.

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