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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today issued the following statement following the announcement by the Air Force to rebid the aerial refueling tanker contract given the findings of the Government Accountability Office.

"Many of us had hoped for an outright award of the contract to Boeing, but the Secretary of Defense today made the first step in righting the wrongs by deciding to rebid the aerial refueling tanker contract. Boeing should have a fair shot at this contract and Kansas workers, America's military and American taxpayers deserve a fair competition free of the errors that haunted the previous competition. I will work with Air Force and Department of Defense officials during the new competition to see that it is done right."

Moran recently joined other Members of Congress in asking the Air Force to re-open a fair competition in a manner that corrects the significant errors identified by the Government Accountability Office's independent review of the award. According to the GAO report, the Air Force failed to judge the competitive bids based on the Air Force's own evaluation criteria, made significant mistakes in considering the life cycle costs of each of the two aircraft and "conducted misleading and unequal discussions with Boeing."

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