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NBCI Supports Boeing in Bid to US Government *An American Company Promises More Jobs*

Washington DC - The National Black Church Initiative, a coalition of 34,000 churches, supports Boeing in its bid to the US Air Force for tanker planes – the first of many contracts which combined present a lucrative \$100 billion dollars. Boeing is in competition with EADS, a European company recently embroiled in scandal after a World Trade Organization ruling found EADS to have benefitted from \$20 million in illegal subsidies. NBCI is interested promoting Boeing as our goal is for African Americans to benefit from the aerospace technology emerging from this company and to profit from the jobs that the acquisition of this contract will provide.

In this trying economic time, it is important for Americans to support companies who have the best interest of our citizens at heart. Boeing, a trusted name in aerospace products, is a US company committed to providing jobs to Americans – this contract alone is expected to provide about 50,000 jobs. Despite the fact that EADS makes a similar claim to employ American workers, they remain a European company, and one recently found to have received fraudulent subsidies. We have experienced enough fallout from the lack of ethical practices in big business – US Banks having recently come under the microscope for deceptive, damaging business practices. We can ill afford to bankroll a company with a history of fraud - we're busy cleaning up past and present corporate mistakes and need not add any more to our already overburdened plate.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of NBCI, states, “I believe in the Boeing brand name. It is an American brand name that we all can trust. Our support of the Boeing bid is rooted in our commitment for the advancement of aerospace technology and enhancement of air commerce across the country. I personally travel 90% of the time in a Boeing plane because I fly Southwest and Airtran Airlines and I know the quality of their products. An essential reason why NBCI supports this bid is because we want to promote African Americans in the aerospace field, and we want to secure jobs for our members. I vow to use the full force of our 34,000 churches to help Boeing win this bid.”

The origin and history of each company notwithstanding, Boeing possesses other significant strengths which make it the frontrunner for this government contract. Their tanker, based on the design of the Boeing 767, would burn 24% less fuel than its EADS counterpart, lowering the US Air Force's gas expenditures by an estimated \$10 billion. To offset this advantage EADS would have to considerably lower the price of its equivalent aircraft. While this may make economic sense, it certainly does not diminish the environmental impact of choosing a less fuel effective product. The United States spends millions annually to enact policies protecting our environment and has made a concerted effort to urge American citizens to conserve our resources. It would be hypocritical to promote a product which has a clear negative environmental impact.

Overall, in the interest of a free marketplace where companies are allowed to vie for upcoming contracts, NBCI supports the diversity of applicants. However, it is clear to NBCI and many Congressional leaders who have voiced similar support that the contract should go to Boeing. NBCI supports Boeing in its efforts - welcoming the relief that these jobs will provide to the American people and NBCI eagerly awaits at the advancement of technology that supports our military and preserves our environment.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work.