

MCCAIN'S MISPLACED PRIORITIES: Sending Jobs To France

John McCain spent last week touring Europe and the Middle East. He met with the President of France who should have been very thankful for the thousands of jobs that McCain has sent his way. McCain recently admitted that his policies are not good for working families. The Boeing/EADS fiasco is just another example of McCain's continued efforts to send our jobs overseas.

McCain Admits His Policies Are Wrong For Working Families. Responding to the AFL-CIO's efforts to inform union members about McCain's real record on working families issues, McCain told Fox News that unions were right to oppose his economic policies.

"I understand why the AFL-CIO and maybe other unions may oppose my free market, less regulation, right to work. I think we have honest differences of opinion. I respect those labor unions but I'm sure that those differences are very intense and very real."

[John McCain in New Hampshire, Fox News, 3/12/08]

McCain A Key Figure In Awarding Contract To Foreign Company

McCain and The Lobbyists On His Campaign Helped Airbus Get A \$35 Billion Contract Over Boeing, An American and Union Company. McCain stepped in to make it easier for EADS/Airbus to get the contract for the Air Force refueling tankers over Boeing. Three of his campaign advisers lobbied for EADS and his campaign received \$28,000 from EADS execs, lobbyists, and employees after starting to speak out on EADS' behalf. If Boeing had won the contract, it would have supported 44,000 good jobs in more than 40 states, many of which would have been union jobs. [Lobbyist Disclosure Act Database, accessed 3/11/08; Associated Press, 3/11/08; [Time.com, 3/11/08](#); OpenSecrets.org, accessed 3/12/08; [Mobile Register, 1/16/07](#); [Seattle Post Intelligencer, 3/7/08](#)]

Boeing Has Filed A Formal Protest To The Award of The Tanker Deal To Airbus Because Of Irregularities In The Process Tied To McCain's Involvement. In a Boeing press release the company stated: "Citing irregularities with the process of the competition and the evaluation of the competitors' bids, The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has filed a formal protest with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), asking the agency to review the decision by the U.S. Air Force to award a contract to a team of Northrop Grumman and European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) to replace aerial refueling tankers... Boeing concluded that what began as an effort by the Air Force to run a fair, open and transparent competition evolved into a process replete with irregularities. These irregularities placed Boeing at a competitive disadvantage throughout this competition and even penalized Boeing for offering a commercial-derivative airplane with lower costs and risks and greater protection for troops." [Boeing Press Release, 3/11/08]

EADS & Northrop Employees Donated Money To McCain's Campaign After He Helped EADS Northrop Land Tanker Contract

EADS & Northrop Grumman Partnered In Tanker Deal. European Aeronautics Defence and Space partnered with Northrop Grumman to beat Boeing for the lucrative aerial refueling tanker contract. [[Time.com, 3/11/08](#)]

- **McCain Received \$28,000 From EADS North America Execs, Employees & Lobbyists AFTER Paving Way For Airbus to Land Tanker Contract.** In January 2007, after giving an

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interview calling for greater competition by Airbus in the Air Force tanker program, McCain immediately began receiving \$12,000 in contributions from EADS North America employees, including donations from Chief Executive Officer Ralph Crosby and Sr. VP Samuel Adcock. McCain received \$26,000 from lobbyists for EADS North America: \$4,600 from Tom Loeffler, \$2,300 from John Green, \$2,300 from Jose Martinez, \$2,300 from William Ball, \$2,200 from Susan Nelson, and \$2,300 from Marcus Kraker. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed 3/12/08; Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, accessed 3/12/08; [Mobile Register](#), 1/16/07; [Seattle Post Intelligencer](#), 3/7/08]

- **McCain Received \$14,300 From Northrop Grumman Employees AFTER Threatening to Hold Hearings If EADS-Northrop Were Excluded From Tanker Bidding.** In January 2007, McCain immediately began receiving \$14,300 in contributions from Northrop Grumman employees after he threatened to hold congressional hearings if Northrop and its partner Airbus were excluded from competitive bidding in the Air Force tanker deal. [OpenSecrets.org, accessed 3/12/08; [Mobile Register](#), 1/16/07]

Key Lobbyists In The EADS Northrop Deal Join McCain's Campaign

Lobbyist Tom Loeffler Tapped To Run McCain Campaign's Finances & Operations. Former congressman Tom Loeffler (R-TX), whose clients includes auto, drug, oil and tobacco, telecommunications companies and an airline, handles McCain's campaign finances and operations. [[Washington Post](#), 12/31/07]

- **McCain Advisor Loeffler Lobbied for European Aeronautics Defence and Space Co.** EADS North America, a subsidiary of European Aeronautics Defence and Space Co., hired the Loeffler Group to lobby the federal government on behalf of its interest in the KC-30 aerial refueling tanker program. According to disclosure forms, John McCain's advisor Rep. Tom Loeffler registered as a lobbyist for the company. [Lobbyist Disclosure Act Database, accessed 3/11/08; Associated Press, 3/11/08]

McCain Hired Ogilvy Lobbyist John Green to Serve as Congressional Liaison. John McCain hired "John Green, founding partner of Ogilvy Government Relations, to work as a full-time liaison between McCain's presidential campaign and Republicans in the House and the Senate." [[Politico](#), 3/4/08]

- **Ogilvy Partner John Green Lobbied for EADS North America on Tanker Deal.** According to lobbyist disclosure forms, John Green registered as a lobbyist for Ogilvy Government Relations on behalf of EADS North America. [Lobbyist Disclosure Act Database, accessed 3/11/08]

Susan Nelson Joined McCain Campaign AFTER Lobbying For EADS. Susan Nelson left the Loeffler Group to work as McCain's campaign finance director. [[Time.com](#), 3/11/08]

McCain Has A History Of Sending Our Jobs Overseas

McCain Voted Against Limiting Tax Breaks To Companies That Re-Import Foreign Manufactured Goods. Voted against a bill to tax multinational companies on income from foreign factories when goods are shipped back to the U.S. and to require companies to notify employees and give a reason before they move their jobs overseas. [S.1637, Vote #83, 5/5/04]

McCain Supported Waiving and Weakening Buy American Laws. McCain voted to allow Secretary of Defense to waive Buy American laws for defense systems and place our defense manufacturing

industry in jeopardy. He also voted to exempt defense goods from six European countries from Buy American requirements that traditionally have required most military equipment and defense systems to be manufactured in the U.S. [S.2400, Vote #135, 6/22/04; S.1050, Vote #191, 5/21/03]

McCain “Would Negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with Almost Any Country.” “If I were President, I would negotiate a free trade agreement with almost any country willing to negotiate fairly with us.” [Speech to the National Press Club, 5/20/1999]

McCain Thinks NAFTA Was a Good Idea And Supported Letting China Into The WTO. McCain voted for NAFTA and recently said, “I know NAFTA was a good idea...” He voted to allow China to enter the World Trade Organization, despite their history of workers’ rights violations. [*Des Moines Register* and www.BigThink.com interview, 11/07; HR 3450, Vote #395, 11/20/93; H.R. 4444, Vote #251, 9/19/00]

McCain Has Voted For Every Other Bad Trade Agreement. McCain votes in support of any and all trade agreements regardless of their negative impacts on U.S. workers. He voted for CAFTA and trade agreements with Oman, Singapore, Chile, and Morocco, among others, as well as for fast-track bills to make it easier for the President to enact trade agreements without strong worker protections. [S. 33569, Vote #190, 6/29/06; S 1307, Vote# 170, 6/30/05; HR 2739, Vote# 318, 7/31/03; HR 2738, Vote# 319, 7/31/03; H.R. 434, Vote #353, 11/3/99; HR 3009, Vote #115, 5/16/02, Vote #117, 5/21/02, Vote #207, 8/1/02; S. 1269, Vote #292, 11/4/97]

AFL-CIO UNIONS SPEAK OUT ON EADS CONTRACT

USW Criticized McCain For Role in Securing Airbus Contract. “The United Steelworkers (USW) labor union today denounced the Department of Defense (DOD) for awarding a contract for the construction of Air Force refueling tankers to the European firm, Airbus, and called for its defunding by Congress. The contract is worth up to \$100 billion, with its value rising to \$408 billion over its lifetime. The USW also decried McCain for his role in lobbying DOD on behalf of the foreign corporation.” [*The Hill*, 3/4/08]

Machinists Criticize Loss Of Deal For Boeing. Machinists (IAM) District 751 President Tom Wroblewski says U.S. taxpayers deserve a better deal. “Now with this decision, America has to rely on a foreign country to defend our nation. This is wrong! And we will not stand silent on this issue. This is an unjustified gamble, which puts our armed services at risk. U.S. taxpayers shouldn’t be lining the pockets of Europeans.” [AFL-CIONowBlog, <http://blog.aflcio.org/2008/03/12/mccain-stiffs-us-workers-helps-europeans-win-air-tanker-deal/>, 3/12/08]

IFPTE Call On McCain To Open His Files. The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers said McCain unfairly favored EADS, a foreign firm, for what was one of the biggest defense contracts in history. Representing 25,000 Boeing workers, including some who work at the company’s manufacturing plant in Wichita where final tanker assembly would have been done, IFPTE issued a press release timed to McCain’s visit to France, home to EADS/Airbus. IFPTE has asked McCain to open his office files on the Boeing/EADS face-off questioned why he asked for the removal of bid language that would have penalized EADS for receiving government subsidies. [*Baltimore Sun*, 3/20/08, http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/politics/blog/2008/03/boeing_union_rips_mccain.html]