



W Machine Works Goes To Washington

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Understanding how many of our customers support the C-17, W Machine Works decided the time was right to attend Boeing's Washington D.C. C-17 Supplier Conference February 24 & 25, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you what transpired.

W Machine Works, along with hundreds of U.S. C-17 suppliers, converged on Capitol Hill to ask for continued C-17 congressional support - specifically 15 more to be added to the Fiscal Year 2009 Supplemental Budget and another 15 added to the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

California's group of 40 suppliers first met with staffers of Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) where they pledged their continued support for the Globemaster III. From there, we met with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) who is also a big supporter of the C-17 and instructed her Chief of Staff to work on drafting a letter of support from the Senator. Both meetings were realistic (the intense budget constraints facing the nation) and optimistic as both



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offices were very familiar with the importance of the C-17 to suppliers, Boeing and the war fighter.

I also met with a representative from Rep. Howard Berman's (D-CA) office. W Machine Works is in Rep. Berman's district and they were very supportive of us - in regards to the C-17 and beyond.

The Globemaster III is an amazing plane. Its ability to meet both strategic and tactical missions for the war fighter as well as delivering humanitarian relief across the planet make this an important program for all of us. W Machine Works will do all it can to make sure we support our customers in anyway possible to keep the C-17 production line open.

Thank you for your time.



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