

**House Committee on Armed Services  
FY10 Member Request Form**

**Requestor Information**

**Member:** Bordallo, Madeleine, gu00  
**Staff Contact:** Matthew Herrmann

**Member's Signature**



Member of Congress

**Project Information**

**Name of Project:** Joint Cargo Aircraft Program - Air Force

**Project Description:** This request is in support of the President's Budget for the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program and is not to be interpreted as requesting an authorization of appropriations above the amount in the President's Budget. The JCA program was established to correct operational shortfalls to cargo mission requirements, provide commonality with other aviation platforms, and replace multiple retiring aircraft systems. This aircraft addresses these shortfalls, and replaces retiring C-23s, and selected C-12s. A cargo aircraft is ideally suited to move time-sensitive, mission-critical supply parts, equipment and personnel over extended distances. The JCA will have a payload interoperability with the C-130 aircraft and the CH-47F. This requires a payload capability of at least 6,000 pounds (lbs) of cargo allowing trans-loading to a CH-47F and fully supporting the Brigade Combat Team (BCT) missions. The aircraft must be capable of transporting, as a minimum, three 463L pallets. The JCA will bypass unsecured lines of communication and deliver routine sustainment items directly to forward supply bases. The JCA will have a robust takeoff and landing capability and be able to operate into and out of unimproved landing areas. The dimensions of the Future Force joint tactical area or the operational area of the ground force commander will severely limit the usefulness of rotary wing aircraft in re-supply missions. The distances are too great for effective use of helicopters. The JCA, with its extended range and speed, will meet time sensitive mission critical needs of the Future Force. The JCA will easily cover these distances and free the rotary-wing fleet for their primary tactical missions. The JCA will provide a multi-mission, multi-functional platform for the commander's use in accomplishing the mission. The JCA program is critical to ensuring that our warfighters in theaters of operation have access to immediate airlift capability. Any delays or cuts to the JCA program would unnecessarily harm the warfighter's readiness.

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**Name of Intended Recipient:** N/A

**City:** N/A

**State:** GU

**Intended  
Location of  
Performance:** N/A

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**Funding Information**

**FY10 Funding in PB (in thousands of dollars):** \$105.3

**Your Requested Net Change to the FY10 PB (+/-/0):** \$105.3

Check the box and initial on the line:  Neither my spouse, if applicable, nor I have a financial interest in this request. MLB (Initial here)

**Funding Specifics**

**Service/Agency/Policy:** AirForce

**Budget Appropriation:** AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

**Identification (as appropriate):**

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