Boeing to Build 15 Additional U.S. Air Force KC-46A Tankers

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EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 24, 2026 — Boeing [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Air Force for 15 additional KC-46A Pegasus tankers.

“We’re grateful for the trust the U.S. Air Force continues to place in our team,” said Jake Kwasnik, KC-46 program vice president. “The KC-46 plays an important role in enabling military operations around the world, and we look forward to building on that partnership while staying focused on delivering on our commitments to support the warfighter.”

In total, 203 KC-46A multi-mission aerial refuelers are on contract or in service globally, providing advanced capability for the joint force and allies. This includes 116 delivered to the U.S. Air Force, six to the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and two to the Israeli Air Force.

Since delivery of the first KC-46A Pegasus in 2019, the U.S. Air Force’s KC-46A fleet has exceeded 180,000 flight hours, reflecting high utilization across training, operational sorties and global deployment missions.

The KC-46A's rapid reconfigurability enables the aircraft to support a broad range of missions, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. It is frequently used to transport critical supplies, including recent support for the Denton Humanitarian Assistance Program, helping deliver aid where it is needed most.

The aircraft also supports strategic deterrence and global readiness. Recent bilateral trainingbetween the U.S. Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force highlights the KC-46A’s role in strengthening stability in the Indo-Pacific. Long-range missions, including deployments from Travis AFB to Japan, further demonstrate the aircraft’s ability to extend reach, support allies and sustain readiness for complex, theater-wide operations by the Air Force and Air National Guard.

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