LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE:
THE FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SEC. 141. STUDY OF FINAL ASSEMBLY AND CHECKOUT ALTERNATIVES FOR THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED. Not later than 180 days after the date of the award of a contract for engineering and manufacturing development for the Joint Strike Fighter aircraft program, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report providing the results of a study of final assembly and checkout alternatives for that aircraft.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED. The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Examination of alternative final assembly and checkout strategies for the program, including—

   (A) final assembly and checkout of all aircraft under the program at one location;
   (B) final assembly and checkout at dual locations; and
   (C) final assembly and checkout at multiple locations.

(2) Identification of each Government and industry facility that is a potential location for such final assembly and checkout.

(3) Identification of the anticipated costs of final assembly and checkout at each facility identified pursuant to paragraph (2), based upon a reasonable profile for the annual procurement of that aircraft once it enters production.
(4) A comparison of the anticipated costs of carrying out such final assembly and checkout at each such location.

(c) COST COMPARISON. In identifying costs under subsection (b)(3) and carrying out the cost comparisons required by subsection (b)(4), the Secretary shall include consideration of each of the following factors:

(1) State tax credits.
(2) State and local incentives.
(3) Skilled resident workforce.
(4) Supplier and technical support bases.
(5) Available stealth production facilities.
(6) Environmental standards.