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Goal is enhancing connectivity, passenger experience

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 20, 2014 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Samsung will collaborate on ways to incorporate the latest mobile technology into Boeing's new Crew Space Transportation (CST)-100 spacecraft.

Under an agreement announced today at the 30th Space Symposium, Boeing and Samsung will start identifying how mobile technology can be used to improve CST-100 crew and mission operations. The initial results are expected to be outlined later this year.

"Just as they've done on Earth, mobile tools and devices will enhance the way we operate in space day-to-day, making mission operations more efficient," said Chris Ferguson, director of crew and mission system for the Boeing Commercial Crew Program.

"Like any other person doing his or her work, an astronaut values connectivity and the ability to share experiences," added Ferguson, who piloted the final space shuttle mission for NASA in 2011.

The Boeing CST-100 spacecraft was developed as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program. The CST-100 will accommodate up to seven passengers or a mix of crew and cargo to low-Earth orbit destinations.

Featuring an innovative weld-less design and a pressurized vessel that can be reused up to 10 times, the CST-100 capsule features Boeing's LED "Sky Lighting."

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