Industry Chooses Boeing For In-Flight Entertainment Work

Boeing Airplane Services today announced that since it began offering in-flight entertainment engineering services to airlines in March 1999, it has received more than 60 requests from 30 airlines and suppliers to assist with their in-flight entertainment upgrade and improvement projects.

The in-flight entertainment work package requests range from installing new fleet-wide entertainment systems and interiors to database upgrades and airplane interface analysis. Some of the requests have contracts in place and the remaining are in various stages of negotiations with Boeing Airplane Services and its customers.

"This is a natural and growing business for us," said Dave Sebring, director of Engineering for Boeing Airplane Services' Puget Sound region. "Boeing has proprietary design data for 85 percent of the in-service commercial airplane fleet. We can offer airlines effective program management to help upgrade and improve their existing in-flight entertainment capabilities.

This week, Boeing Airplane Services will join more than 80 airlines and 200 airline suppliers at the World Airline Entertainment Association Conference, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The four-day conference is the largest display of in-flight entertainment and communications products and services for commercial airplanes available on the market today.

Boeing Airplane Services offers engineering retrofit packages, avionics upgrades, passenger-to-freighter conversions, interior reconfigurations, recovery and repair services, and airplane performance improvements for all Boeing commercial airplanes. In addition, Boeing Airplane Services has the most comprehensive spare parts distribution system in the industry, with a worldwide network of distribution and service centers. It also provides technical consulting and general contracting support for passenger and cargo airlines.

Boeing Airplane Services is part of the Boeing Commercial Aviation Services organization, which offers the aviation industry's broadest array of support resources.

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