Boeing Donates Satellite Time to Support FEMA Communications, Fundraising Event Broadcast

Company and Employee Donations to Disaster Relief Efforts Exceed $5.8 Million

The Boeing Company today announced that it has donated satellite transponder time to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support communication efforts in New York, and to aid in the broadcast of tonight's nationally televised fundraising event "America: A Tribute to Heroes."

Additionally, Boeing and its employees have donated more than $5.8 million to the disaster relief efforts in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, exceeding the $5 million commitment announced last week.

Two of Boeing's business units, Connexion by Boeing and Boeing Satellite Systems (BSS), have teamed-up to provide satellite-based backup communications for on-going search and rescue operations. Connexion by Boeing will donate two of its 11 leased satellite transponders, which are normally used for testing and rollout of its broadband in-flight Internet and communications services.

One transponder has been donated to support tonight's two-hour fund-raising telethon which will be aired simultaneously by broadcast and cable networks. An additional transponder has been donated to FEMA to aid in Ground Zero communications support in New York for the next two-to-four weeks until normal telephone connections are available.

Boeing's corporate contributions are being divided between the Red Cross and the United Way September 11 Fund, and some employee donations are also going to the Salvation Army. Boeing employee donations continue to grow, and are matched dollar-for-dollar by the company. Donations are received by both personal check and through the company's Web site, which enables employees to use their credit cards to make donations.

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