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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] Wednesday received the "Good Neighbor" award from The Boy Scouts of America, Greater New York Councils, for reducing noise and emissions at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

The award was given to the Boeing 767 program on behalf of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the introduction of the 767-400ER (extended range) airplane at LaGuardia.

The 767-400ER is the largest of the three 767 passenger models and was designed to replace Delta Air Lines' aging L-1011s. Delta has a fleet of 21 767-400ERs and began using the 767-400ER at LaGuardia on May 1, 2001.

"By building an airplane that exceeds the most stringent environmental requirements anywhere, socially conscious companies such as Boeing and Delta have committed themselves to reducing community noise, exposure and engine emissions while increasing air service and jobs for local residents," said Joel Miele Sr., commissioner for the Department of Environmental Protection.

Today's Boeing jets are 10 times quieter than those introduced 20 years ago, and they meet 2004 emission standards set forth by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

"As more and more airports impose noise restrictions, the 767's quiet profile and low-ramp noise means lower environmental fees, more flexible flight tracks and happier airport neighbors," said Peter Weertman, Boeing 767 chief project engineer, and the Boeing team leader.

The 767 airplane releases approximately 1 percent of the hydrocarbons, 10 percent of the carbon monoxide and 50 percent of the smoke of the older models, which were the mainstay airplanes serving LaGuardia.

More than 880 767s are in service and used by 80 airlines around the world.

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