Boeing Supports Environmental Education Programs in Southern California

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., Dec. 22, 2009 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] announced today that it provided $1 million in support to Southern California environmental organizations throughout 2009, including $250,000 presented to seven organizations on Dec. 17 at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. The organizations were chosen for their work in protecting, restoring and conserving the natural environment within the Los Angeles basin.

"In Southern California, we look to support environmental programs that have a partnership with schools and provide a strong educational component for students that focuses on protection, restoration and conservation," said James Herr, senior manager, California Region, Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship. "Despite hard economic times, Boeing remains steadfast in its support of environmental issues in the area. By supporting the jobs associated with environmental education and conservation efforts, we have a positive impact on the local economy as well as our natural resources."

The seven organizations that received grants on Dec. 17 are:

• The Valley Economic Alliance (Los Angeles/Ventura): $50,000 for the Canoga Park Green Learning Sustainable Living Garden.

• Infrastructure Academy (Los Angeles): $50,000 for the Environmental Leadership and Workforce Readiness program, which prepares young people for emerging green careers.

• From Lot to Spot (Los Angeles): $48,900 for Spaces of Blight: the Dominguez Enhancement Project to improve blighted urban neighborhoods and increase native upland habitat.

• Ocean Discovery Institute (San Diego): $30,000 for a community-based habitat education and restoration initiative to support research and environmental stewardship in historically underserved neighborhoods.

• The Ecology Center (Orange County): $35,000 for the educational exhibits designed to engage families in implementing environmental solutions at the household and community level.

• Esperanza Youth & Family Center (Riverside County): $25,000 for the Environmental Youth Alliance of Coachella Valley, to train young people in a variety of environmental areas, such as water quality.

• Environmental Nature Center (Orange County): $11,100 for Environmental Education for a Sustainable Future, a 3.5-acre native plant and wildlife habitat community with walking trails and a learning center.

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