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SEATTLE, July 21 /[PRNewswire-FirstCall](#)/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and American Airlines, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of AMR Corp., today announced the airline has exercised options for an additional 35 Next-Generation 737-800s.

The order is part of American Airlines' ongoing fleet renewal plan, replacing MD-80s with fuel-efficient Next-Generation 737s. The 737-800 is 35 percent more fuel efficient on a seat-mile basis than the MD-80s it will replace.

"American Airlines is leveraging all the performance benefits of the Next-Generation 737 to enhance the airline's competitive position, while providing an enhanced passenger travel experience," said Marlin Dailey, vice president of Sales for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "American's investment in additional 737s demonstrates real confidence in the 737's technology and economics. In addition, the new interiors on its existing 737 fleet and the new 737 Boeing Sky Interior on deliveries starting in 2011 will ensure American's customers continue to enjoy an exceptional flying experience."

"The 737-800 provides additional amenities for our customers while helping to reduce our operating and fuel costs and lessen our impact on the environment," said Virasb Vahidi, chief commercial officer for American Airlines. "The 737 is a product that benefits all of American's stakeholders and is a good fit for our current fleet renewal plans."

Famous for its extremely efficient operation, high dispatch reliability and leading performance on coast-to-coast flights, the 737-800 remains the airplane of choice for airlines wanting to take advantage of new opportunities in the market.

Today's 35 new orders build on an order for 84 737s that began arriving in 2009. American currently expects to have a total of 195 737-800s in its single-aisle fleet by the end of 2012.

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