Boeing Receives Florida Governor's Business Expansion Award

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sept. 22, 2010 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today received the Governor's Business Expansion Award from Enterprise Florida at the Governor's 2010 Business Diversification Awards ceremony in Tallahassee. The Boeing operation at Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Fla., won the award after the site received the consolidated U.S. Navy F/A-18 work and the U.S. Air Force QF-16 contract. The consolidation and contract win will add approximately 75 jobs to the Cecil Field facility.

"This expansion to our work scope will allow us to be even more responsive to our customers by colocating related programs in one spot," said Gary Phillips, Cecil Field site executive for Boeing. "We're honored that the governor's office has recognized our expansion as a significant contribution to the community of Jacksonville and the Duval County area."

"Florida's entrepreneurs and business leaders are major contributors to the state's economic growth," said Enterprise Florida President and CEO John Adams Jr. "Today, we recognized some of their exemplary accomplishments in creating marketable products and services, which are increasing Florida's competitiveness and building a future economy that will serve all segments of our population very well."

With the addition of the F/A-18 Structural Repair Facility, Cecil Field's capabilities now include avionics repairs and upgrades; aircraft modification and maintenance; structural and composite component repair; and full nondestructive inspection. The Boeing team at Cecil Field draws on a decade of experience to support Navy and Marine Corps F/A-18A-F aircraft service, repair and modification programs. The facility, located at Cecil Commerce Center, includes 479,000 square feet of maintenance, manufacturing, warehousing and office space.

"Boeing is proud to be part of the Jacksonville community," Phillips said. "With our growth now and in the future, we look forward to making a positive impact here for many years to come."

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