Boeing and State of Washington Back Aerospace and Defense Supplier Summit

Boeing endorses networking event connecting aerospace buyers and sellers

SEATTLE, June 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- In the first event of its kind in the United States, manufacturers and suppliers from major global aerospace and defense industries will come together in Seattle next year to help create business opportunities and share information on the industry growth trends.

The Aerospace & Defense Supplier Summit, hosted by BCI Aerospace and supported by The Boeing Company (NYSE: BA) and the Washington State Department of Commerce, is scheduled for March 12-15 at the Seattle Convention Center. Four Boeing business units -- Commercial Airplanes; Defense, Space & Security; Engineering, Operations & Technology; and Shared Services Group -- will participate in the event.

"The aerospace industry is facing unprecedented demand and opportunity in the coming years," said Stan Deal, vice president and general manager of Supplier Management for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The Aerospace & Defense Supplier Summit provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for suppliers to engage with major suppliers of The Boeing Company, and make connections that can expand their business and technology reach."

"We are very pleased to have this important international supplier summit make its debut in Washington State," said Rogers Weed, commerce director and chair of the Governor's Council on Aerospace. "This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the hundreds of outstanding local aerospace companies to important industry partners from around the country and the world."

A total of 600 businesses and 1,200 individuals are expected to participate, exchanging ideas and exploring potential business opportunities. The first day of the event will include workshops and key insights from industry leaders. The following two days will be devoted to face-to-face meetings between companies with mutual interests. Each of the 600 companies present will participate in an average of 15, 30-minute meetings.

In addition to providing a forum for exchanging ideas and developing future business opportunities, the Aerospace & Defense Supplier Summit will be one of the world's largest networking events.

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