Boeing Celebrates Global Supplier Partners as 787-9 Dreamliner Completes First Flight

Boeing, suppliers collaborate to build second member of efficient 787 family

SEATTLE, Sept. 18, 2013 – Boeing highlighted the critical role its global supply chain plays in the production of the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner as the company celebrated the first flight yesterday of the second member of the efficient airplane family.

The 787 program has more than 50 Tier 1 partners located around the world, including in the United States, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United Kingdom. There are suppliers to the 787 program in 38 U.S. states, including significant contributions from California, Kansas, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Washington. In all, suppliers to the 787 program are located in 19 countries and were selected based on their ability to do the work with high quality, affordability and reliability.

“Boeing’s suppliers around the world are valued partners to the 787 program and its success shows what is possible when we partner with the world’s best aerospace companies,” said Kent Fisher, vice president and general manager of Supplier Management, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. “Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our supplier partners and our Boeing team, we have been able to integrate the 787-9 into our production system while at the same time increasing production rates of the 787-8.”

The 787-9 leverages the visionary design of the 787-8 while carrying more passengers farther. The 787-9 seats 250-290 passengers with a range of 8,000 to 8,500 nautical miles while using 20 percent less fuel and with 20 percent fewer emissions than any other airplane of its size.

Over the next 20 years, Boeing has projected global demand for 8,590 twin-aisle airplanes valued at $2.5 trillion, with small twin-aisles, including the 787 Dreamliner, to account for about $1.1 trillion.

Since the 787 Dreamliner program was launched in 2004, 58 customers from six continents have placed orders for 936 airplanes, making it the most successful twin-aisle launch of a new commercial airplane in Boeing's history.

To date, 24 customers worldwide have ordered 388 787-9s, or 40 percent of all 787 orders. First delivery of the 787-9 is scheduled for mid-2014 to launch customer Air New Zealand.

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