AROUND BOEING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN FIRMS IS AIM OF NEW OFFICE

Integrated Defense Systems Industrial Participation organization opened The Office of Australian Industry Capability (OAIC) in Seattle to help increase business opportunities for Australian companies.

Working directly with Boeing major business units and key supplier partners, OAIC will coordinate supplier visits, host sector conferences and support small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) by providing mentoring and training for selected SMEs within Australia. However, the office's primary focus will be to help facilitate bid opportunities for Australian industry, with an emphasis on those capabilities designated by Australia's Department of Defence as critical to gaining the through-life support capability necessary to maintain its many air defense assets.

"Boeing has established the Office of AIC in direct response to the Commonwealth's new Defence and Industry Policy Statement. We expect the Office of AIC to develop opportunities for Australian industry as well as bring value to our global customers," said Joel Gray, IDS Industrial Participation manager, Australia/New Zealand. Boeing is the first U.S. prime contractor to establish such an office, Gray added.

As a whole, the aerospace industry in Australia employs close to 20,000. Many of these individuals support, repair and manufacture Boeing products and are critical to maintaining Australia's aerospace industry. A strong indigenous supply base is a major priority for the Australian government, especially within the defense arena.

In 1956, Qantas became the first airline outside the U.S. to order the new 707 jet-liner. Since then, the relationship between Boeing and Australia's aerospace industry has grown and flourished. That relationship will continue into the next decade with commercial and defense deliveries of the Boeing 787, 737, AEW&C, C-17 and F/A-18 Super Hornet.

DERIVATIVE AIRPLANE PROGRAM DELIVERS THIRD C-40C AIRCRAFT

The Boeing Derivative Airplane Programs team last month delivered the third of three C-40C transport aircraft to the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command. The 932nd and 375th Airlift Wings, units of the AFRC

and Air Mobility Command, respectively, will use the Next-Generation Boeing Business Jet derivative to provide congressional delegations and senior government personnel with safe, secure and reliable transportation worldwide while supporting their ability to conduct in-flight business.

KLM, TRANSAVIA.COM ANNOUNCE ORDERS FOR BOEING AIRPLANES

Boeing last month announced two orders from Netherlands-based airlines.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, part of the AIR FRANCE/KLM Group, will add three Next-Generation 737-700s and two 777-300ERs (Extended Range) to its fleet. As part of the agreement, KLM took options on one additional 737 and two additional 777s.

Meanwhile, transavia.com and Boeing finalized an order for seven 737-800s with conversion rights to other model types. The airline also secured options for a further three airplanes. The airplanes will operate out of the airline's Dutch hubs: Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Eindhoven.

Both orders were previously booked on Boeing's Orders & Deliveries Web site under the unidentified customer category.

RETIREMENTS: The following employees retired in October from The Boeing Company.

Gerald Arcangeli, 30 Years Barbara Armstrong, 29 Years William Atkins, 21 Years Jimmie Auen, 28 Years Richard Bahmler, 10 Years Richard Baker, 27 Years Steven Ball, 29 Years Gary Bazik, 20 Years Christopher Bellamy, 26 Years Dennis Black, 26 Years Edgar Blair, 41 Years Toney Bowen, 22 Years Richard Brainard, 35 Years Patricia Brown, 14 Years John Bruemmer, 38 Years Joseph Bullock, 20 Years Joanne Burrow, 17 Years David Cady, 29 Years Stephen Chase, 32 Years Deborah Christie, 22 Years Carloes Cox, 25 Years Steven Cox, 28 Years Joseph D'agostino, 23 Years Jon Davis, 36 Years David Deleon, 21 Years Dayton Dennison, 20 Years Ross Dessert, 29 Years Robert Dewell, 36 Years

Mario Divok, 16 Years Theresa Duke, 36 Years Grover Duncan, 26 Years Arthur Edison, 32 Years James Enright, 18 Years Richard Escobedo, 23 Years Bessie Estep, 23 Years Robert Everett, 20 Years Cole Favre, 15 Years James Fernen, 36 Years John Foor, 10 Years Roy Foote, 39 Years Jitendra Gaglani, 23 Years Harold Glor, 24 Years Bruce Grossman, 22 Years Robert Grover, 31 Years Robert Gullette, 29 Years Gerard Halpin, 42 Years Susan Hammons, 22 Years Kevin Hanley, 28 Years James Hartel, 17 Years Aaron Hazard, 14 Years Joseph Heaney, 23 Years Stanley Hoit, 29 Years Thelma Holland, 15 Years Clinton Horn, 9 Years Norman Hosford, 24 Years Kumiko Huff, 20 Years

Eric Hughes, 29 Years Judy Hunting, 36 Years Thomas Jacobson, 34 Years Albert Jaderberg, 18 Years Everette Jeffries, 45 Years Robert Kay, 23 Years Edward Kilgore, 26 Years Roy Kim, 23 Years Thomas Kintz, 29 Years Roman Kramar, 28 Years Charles Legler, 21 Years Don Lichtenegger, 42 Years Gerald Lienhop, 35 Years Charlotte Lin, 22 Years Paul Liu, 37 Years Paul Mangum, 30 Years Linda McConnell, 21 Years Danny McGlaughlin, 22 Years Terry McMeekin, 30 Years David Medisky, 23 Years Michael Meenen, 33 Years Ramon Melendez, 43 Years Lorimer Merriwether, 30 Years Bradford Moore, 26 Years Thomas Mullen, 22 Years Mark Nakano, 32 Years Daniel Nash, 23 Years Gracie Nettles, 31 Years

Virginia Neubeck, 23 Years Denise Neve, 12 Years Herminia Northrup, 21 Years Alan Obrochta, 29 Years Ajit Panse, 22 Years Allan Pharr, 23 Years Joanne Phillips, 20 Years Janet Piepgrass, 26 Years Howard Plyler, 42 Years Joe Powell, 45 Years Steve Powell, 12 Years Gary Prevost, 34 Years Michael Ramps, 19 Years Gerald Reilly, 40 Years Darlene Riggsbee, 22 Years Charles Rose, 14 Years Donald Ross, 43 Years Michael Rossi, 29 Years Karen Russell, 17 Years Michael Schmidt, 37 Years Pamala Schneider, 20 Years Robin Selden, 25 Years Sang Sim, 20 Years Leonard Smith, 20 Years Marcia Smith, 20 Years Dale Snell, 30 Years Joyce Souza, 11 Years James Sparling, 28 Years

Edward Stamm, 19 Years Richard Steele, 25 Years Michael Steward, 28 Years Danny Summers, 23 Years Robert Sweeney, 20 Years Judith Tate, 17 Years Jerry Taylor, 22 Years Sherrie Thomas, 10 Years John Thompson, 20 Years Stephen Thompson, 28 Years Norman Tiller, 6 Years Albert Tomassian, 21 Years Larry Truett, 27 Years Karl Uhde, 34 Years Linda Van Dreumel, 16 Years Alfred Vara, 8 Years Steven Vert. 29 Years Ronald Wagner, 18 Years Sharon Warford, 19 Years Douglas Webb, 20 Years Wilburn Webb, 30 Years Larry Weideman, 33 Years Christine West, 23 Years Bradford Whitman, 30 Years Bruce Whitney, 11 Years Mark Witte, 26 Years Timothy Woods, 20 Years Douglas Young, 20 Years