



# Around Boeing

## 777 Freighter achieves milestones

Work on the first 777 Freighter passed several production milestones last month. Mechanics began final assembly at the Boeing plant in Everett, Wash. (above), and the airplane experienced its first electrical “power on,” when its systems successfully were powered in final assembly. Boeing will deliver the first 777 Freighter—which will fly farther and provide more capacity than any other twin-engine cargo airplane—to launch customer Air France in the fourth quarter of 2008. GAIL HANUSA PHOTO

### BOEING FILLS INT’L LEADERSHIP ROLES, NAMES NEW TREASURER

Boeing last month made several appointments for key international and financial positions.

- Paul Kinscherff has been named president of Boeing Middle East. Kinscherff, who will be based in Dubai, will work with Riyadh-based Boeing Saudi Arabia President Ahmed Jazzar to strengthen the company’s presence in the region. Previously, Kinscherff was Boeing treasurer; succeeding him in this role is Dave Dohnalek, who had been vice president of Financial Planning and Analysis.

- Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael DeLong was appointed Integrated Defense Systems vice president for the Middle East. DeLong will be responsible for maintaining strategic relationships with key defense and industrial partners in the Middle East region. He will focus on major business-development initiatives and sales campaigns among nations that are part of the Gulf Cooperation Council, while working with the IDS team to develop markets throughout the region.

- Antonio De Palmas has been named president of European Union and NATO Relations, effective May 21. In this position, De Palmas will represent Boeing interests at the EU, European Parliament and NATO, and will work with other European institutions. De Palmas,

currently director of communications for Boeing International in Italy, succeeds retiring leader Joris Vos.

### BOEING HONORS ITS TOP SUPPLIERS FOR 2007

Boeing last month recognized its top 11 suppliers for superior performance and customer satisfaction in 2007.

The 2007 Suppliers of the Year were selected from a pool of 250 Boeing Performance Excellence Award winners. These companies hold 2007 Boeing Performance Excellence Awards for achieving silver or gold levels of performance, based on quality and delivery metrics over a 12-month period.

The 2007 Boeing Suppliers of the Year are

- Major Structures: HITCO Carbon Composites Inc., Gardena, Calif.
- Common Aerospace Commodities: M.C. Gill Corp., El Monte, Calif.
- Purchased Outside Production: JWD Machine Inc., Fife, Wash.
- Aerospace Support: Watson’s Profiling Corp., Ontario, Calif.
- Non-Production/Shared Services Group: Valiant Machine & Tool Inc., Windsor, Ontario.
- Technology: GE Global Research, Niskayuna, N.Y.
- Technology: American Semiconductor Inc., Boise, Idaho.

- Propulsion: Aerojet, Rancho Cordova, Calif.
- Diversity/Woman Owned Small Business: Harris Environmental Group Inc., Tucson, Ariz.
- Diversity/Small Disadvantaged Business: Omega Precision, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.
- Diversity/Small Business: Woodland Trade Company Inc., Tacoma, Wash.

### BOEING DELIVERS 1ST LASER JDAMS

Boeing last month said it delivered the first Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition (LJDAM) kits to the U.S. Air Force. LJDAM provides low-cost flexibility to engage targets of opportunity, including fast-moving ones, with a single weapon.

The initial \$28 million LJDAM contract, awarded in May 2007, will add 600 laser seekers to the existing inventory of bombs of the Air Force and the U.S. Navy. Air Force tests showed LJDAM engaged and destroyed targets moving at up to 70 miles per hour (113 kilometers per hour).

The Laser JDAM uses a Precision Laser Guidance Set, a modular laser sensor kit that is easily installed on existing JDAM weapons in the field. The laser sensor further enhances the highly capable Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System JDAM.

LJDAM is expected to be operational this year with both the Air Force and Navy. Boeing will deliver the contracted kits by June 2009.