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FUTURE OF FLIGHT HITS FIVE YEAR MARK

(Mukilteo, Washington) On Friday, December 17, 2010, the Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour in Mukilteo, Washington, will mark five years since its grand opening in 2005. As part of the 5th anniversary, the Future of Flight Aviation Center is celebrating by inviting everyone to enjoy the attraction for \$5. Children must be 4 feet tall to take the Boeing Tour. No advance reservations will be taken, and Boeing Tours will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Tours operate at 9am, 10am, 11am and 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.

As a bonus, both gift stores, The Boeing Store and the Future of Flight Store, will offer storewide discounts and free gift wrapping, and the café will offer 50-cent cupcakes while supplies last.

In the five years since opening, the Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour has welcomed 857,000 visitors from around the world to the facility. Approximately 7% of those visitors were Snohomish County residents, 25% from other areas in Washington State, and 68% were from other US states and 175 countries. During this time period and according to Washington State Department of Commerce Economic Impact data prepared by Dean Runyan Associates, the economic impact of these visitors on the local economy is \$69 million. http://www.experiencewa.com/images/pdf/R_2009CountyTravelImpactReport-DeanRunyan.pdf Visitors to the Future of Flight & Boeing Tour currently are up 14% year-to-date over the same time period last year.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour is open from 8:30am – 5:30pm daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center is a unique learning and interpretive facility designed to let visitors experience the marvel of commercial jet aviation and production. It celebrates the historic accomplishments of the last 50 years since the first flight of the Boeing 707 and highlights the technological possibilities for powered, winged flight in the future.

The 73,000-square-foot Future of Flight facility includes a 28,000-square-foot Aviation Gallery with interactive exhibits and displays, 9,000-square-foot, rooftop observation deck overlooking Paine Field, Boeing Tour Center, conference space for 250 people, special event space for groups of up to 750 people, a 240-seat theater, 125-seat café, Future of Flight Store and The Boeing Store.

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