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## New Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour Wins "Best Public/Private Project of 2005" Award from *Northwest Construction Magazine*



EVERETT , WA – The new Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour, which opens Saturday, December 17, has won the award for “Best Public/Private Project of 2005” from *Northwest Construction* magazine. The award will be presented at 7:30 am at the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle on December 6 and featured in the magazine’s December issue.

The \$23.5-million Future of Flight project was entered in the annual contest by its general contractor, the Howard S. Wright Construction Co. The new facility is a public-private venture of the Snohomish County Public Facilities District, Snohomish County Airport (Paine

Field), The Boeing Company and the Future of Flight Foundation. "The result of this great public- private effort," say's County Executive Aaron Reardon, "is a facility that offers outstanding local economic and worldwide educational value."

The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour 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 during the next 50 years.

When it opens Dec. 17, the 73,000-square-foot Future of Flight facility will include a 28,000-square-foot Aviation Gallery with interactive exhibits and displays, 9,000-square-foot, rooftop observation deck overlooking Paine Field, new tour center for the nearby manufacturing plant in which Boeing assembles its 747, 767, 777 and 787 airplanes, 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 Boeing Store.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center features Aviation Zones with hands-on exhibits, videos, graphics and interactive stations where visitors can design their own airplanes. The new facility also encompasses and expands The Boeing Tour – the only public tour of a commercial jet assembly plant in North America.

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