

SPEEA congratulates employees at Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems for delivering first 787 Dreamliner



SEATTLE – As the first 787 Dreamliner was flown off by launch customer ANA this morning (Sept. 27), the engineers, technical workers and professionals at The Boeing Company were putting their experience and talent to work to ramp up production to meet the needs of an industry anxious for the new airplane.

“We got to this point because of the hard work of the engineers and technical community who designed this aircraft and worked through all the initial issues,” said Tom McCarty, president of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA) IFPTE Local 2001. “It was the employees in the Puget Sound region and in Kansas, who made this possible.”

SPEEA Executive Director Ray Goforth attended the delivery ceremony on Sept. 26 with McCarty in Everett. The union leaders represent thousands of workers at Boeing and Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, Kan. who work on the 787 program.

“This is Boeing at its best,” said Goforth. “Congratulations to the employees at Boeing, Spirit AeroSystems and the rest of the supply chain. This plane is a milestone in aviation history.”

A local of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), SPEEA represents 24,400 aerospace professionals at Boeing, Spirit AeroSystems in Kansas, Triumph Composite Systems, Inc., in Spokane, Wash., and BAE Systems, Inc., in Irving, Texas.

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