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Boeing's decision to locate the 737 MAX in Renton is result of long, proactive effort, SPEEA says



SEATTLE – The Boeing Company’s announcement to build the 737 Max at the Renton plant culminates months of work by labor, government and business to ensure the next generation aircraft will be built by the most experienced workforce in the world at building single aisle commercial aircraft, according to leaders of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), IFPTE Local 2001.

“This is really good news for employees, our communities and Boeing,” said SPEEA President Tom McCarty. “It means secure jobs continuing far into the future.”

SPEEA, along with the IAM and others, co-sponsored an independent study of possible locations for the 737 MAX. Released earlier this month, the study showed building the new aircraft in Renton, where the existing 737 is built, is the best option with the lowest risk. Government and businesses also helped fund the study and campaign, called Project Pegasus.

“This was a very proactive effort to make sure these planes are designed and built by the most experienced and productive workforce in the world,” McCarty said. “That workforce includes the employees represented by SPEEA and the IAM in Washington, Oregon and Kansas.”

A local of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), SPEEA represents 25,460 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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