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## **SPEEA attending Paris Air Show to promote skilled and experienced workforce in Washington state**



SPEEA President **Tom McCarty** is leading a delegation from the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA), IFPTE Local 2001, to the Paris Air Show June 20 to 26 to promote the skilled and experienced workforce represented by the union.

“We represent more than 21,000 of the most highly skilled engineers and technical workers in the world,” McCarty said. “We’ll be at the show promoting their skills to companies as part of Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire’s efforts to grow our state’s aerospace sector.”

Joining McCarty at the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Paris Airshow at Le Bourget airport are SPEEA Labor Representative **Stan Sorscher** and Communications Director **Bill Dugovich**. The three, along with representatives from the International Association of Machinists, District 751, are part of the Washington state delegation and exhibitors in the U.S. Pavilion, Hall 3, E-106. This is the union’s first visit to the show.

For the show, SPEEA and the IAM produced a video of union members talking about the experience, skills and pride they bring to work every day. The 7-minute video was filmed with help from the Washington State Labor Council and cooperation from The Boeing Company. The video will be displayed at the show and available for viewing on the SPEEA website starting Monday, June 20.

The union officials are available to media representatives at the show by visiting the exhibit E-106 in Hall 3 or contacting Dugovich by email at [billd@speea.org](mailto:billd@speea.org) or calling 001-206-683-9857.

A local of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), SPEEA represents 24,600 aerospace professionals in the United States at Boeing, Spirit AeroSystems in Kansas, Triumph Composite Systems, Inc., in Spokane, Wash., and BAE Systems, Inc., in Irving, Texas.

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