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**Boeing Announces Development of Commercial Crew
Vehicle on Space Coast**
550 jobs anticipated by 2015

Brevard County, Fla. (October 31, 2011) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is pleased to announce that The Boeing Company has selected the Space Coast as the location to develop and manufacture its CST-100 commercial crew capsule to transport humans into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

After a careful selection process, Boeing chose the OPF-3 at Kennedy Space Center to be the site of its new operation, following a competitive state by state site analysis and negotiation process. The CST-100 commercial crew capsule will allow Boeing to compete for commercial crew transportation services to the ISS in the future.

Boeing will create 550 jobs on the Space Coast by the end of 2015.

"We selected the OPF-3 for our Commercial Crew headquarters because of its proximity to our NASA customer, its outstanding facilities and a highly skilled local space workforce," said John Mulholland, vice president and program manager of Commercial Programs for Boeing.

The EDC worked closely with a team comprised of Space Florida, Brevard County, Enterprise Florida and Brevard Workforce and NASA Kennedy Space Center to develop the winning proposal defining the Space Coast as the best choice to develop and assemble the CST-100. The EDC and its team members worked this project for 18 months, beginning with the company's request for a project proposal from the project team in the spring of 2010.

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The EDC and the county commissioners continued to advocate for support of commercial space initiatives and the competitive advantages of the Space Coast to Boeing leadership at the 2011 Space Symposium. In working with the team, the EDC was able to successfully demonstrate the advantages of a Space Coast location. The NASA KSC team was instrumental in the successful outcome by laying the groundwork for facility access by next generation commercial space providers.

"Our success with Orion and now our success in capturing the CST-100 clearly demonstrates our capacity to advance from launch capabilities to spacecraft assembly. The 550 jobs that will result from Boeing's decision to develop a commercial crew vehicle on the Space Coast is a critical step in mitigating our current job loss and begins the next chapter in Kennedy Space Center's legacy," said Lynda Weatherman, president & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners has shown its support for the continuation of commercial space flight and will continue working to approve new job creation to mitigate current unemployment numbers.

"Boeing's announcement to create 550 new jobs at Kennedy Space Center will bring a much needed lift to a community in transition from the Space Shuttle retirement," said Commissioner Robin Fisher, Chairman of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. "I hope Boeing's decision will provide encouragement to other aerospace companies that the Space Coast is indeed serious about the attraction of this major industry."

Boeing anticipates the initial design effort to be completed in 2013 with additional design and development work for ground and flight support equipment to follow.

"This is a good example of the strength of partnerships in support of economic development activities led by the Governor," said Space Florida President Frank DiBello. "Boeing's announcement today symbolizes another successful step in growing Florida's aerospace economy."

In 2010, Boeing contributed over \$138M to the Space Coast economy. At full employment, the projected economic impact of the CCTS program will be approximately \$61M.

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About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit www.SpaceCoastEDC.org.

About Space Florida

Space Florida was created to strengthen Florida's position as the global leader in aerospace research, investment, exploration and commerce. As Florida's aerospace development organization, we are committed to attracting and expanding the next generation of space industry businesses. With its highly trained workforce, proven infrastructure and unparalleled record of achievement, Florida is the ideal location for aerospace businesses to thrive – and Space Florida is the perfect partner to help them succeed. www.spaceflorida.gov.

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