The Boeing Company is preparing to launch a major new airplane program — the 777X. Winning design and final assembly of this airplane and associated composite wing fabrication will secure thousands of aerospace jobs in Washington and enhance our competitive position for even more growth.

While Washington is in a strong position to win this work, the company is considering alternative locations. Business, government and labor leaders throughout the state are joining together through the Washington Aerospace Partnership to make sure Washington is in the best position to win the 777X.

While the Boeing Everett Plant is the obvious choice to design and build the 777X, it will mean additional work for the 1,250 aerospace-related companies located across the state. Other companies from around the world will want to locate here to be a part of it. This means jobs for Washingtonians.

We must act now to build our case.

**Our Game Plan**

Building on the Washington Aerospace Industry Strategy, we will:

**Frame the Opportunity**
- Survey industry leaders to identify what Washington state can do to shore up its competitive position.
- Conduct an economic benefit analysis to demonstrate the value of additional investments necessary to win the 777X.

**Survey the Competitive Landscape**
- Update the competitive analysis that helped Washington secure the 737 MAX to preserve the state’s leadership position as we look to secure the 777X.

**Ensure Shovel-ready Development**
- Streamline the 777X permitting process through creation of an intergovernmental, inter-agency task force chaired by Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson.
Ensure a Healthy Business Climate

• Reduce burdens on industry by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government services.
• Review existing aerospace incentives in the context of the production life of the 777X.
• Explore other drivers of cost and identify actions to reduce their impact.

Make Strategic Infrastructure Investments

• Identify and prioritize needed investments and funding strategies that may be considerations for the 777X siting decision:
  o Transportation — Take action in the upcoming special session to make major transportation investments by funding key projects around the state:
    • I-405, 520 Bridge, SR 167, SR 509, and the Columbia River Crossing.
    • I-5 northbound Marine View Dr. to SR 528 (Everett to Marysville) — Peak use shoulder lane.
    • SR 526/Hardeson Interchange.
    • City of Everett 41st Street to W Marine View Drive Freight Corridor Improvements.
  o Ports — Secure state funding to build a roll-on/roll-off facility at the Port of Everett to provide greater efficiency in the delivery of aerospace parts, as well as imports and exports for other industries.

Invest in our World-class Aerospace Workforce

• Identify and close potential skills gaps related to 777X design and production, and develop programs and facilities necessary to enhance our ready and able workforce.
• Advance key legislative education proposals already under consideration by the Legislature:
  o Provide aerospace skills at the high school level through aircraft assembly, advanced manufacturing courses, and advanced STEM coursework.
  o Create additional student enrollments in technical and community colleges in high-demand aerospace-related courses.
  o Provide National Career Readiness Certification testing to high school seniors graduating from aerospace assembly and skills center programs around the state.
  o Expand the state’s network of aerospace training facilities by developing a multi-institutional, multi-age regional training facility in Renton.
  o Establish a “talent pipeline” from K-12 to the community and technical college system that allows credits earned in high school to apply in the post-secondary system.
  o Expand the revolving loan program for short-term student training.
  o Increase student enrollments for engineering and STEM-related fields at state universities.

What’s at Stake?

Washington is the global leader in aerospace with 1,250 aerospace–related companies, large and small, employing more than 131,000 workers across every county in the state. We cannot afford to lose the 777X — it is the future. By working together, we will demonstrate that Washington continues to be the recognized worldwide center of excellence in aerospace innovation, design, and manufacturing and the best place in the world to design and build the 777X.