



## News Release

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### **Boeing To Transition AWACS Workload to Heath**

Heath, Ohio (Mar. 4, 2005) –The Boeing Company [NYSE:BA] is relocating its Corinth, Texas, Operations defense business to Heath with the assistance of the local Port Authority and the state of Ohio.

The Corinth business is responsible for repair and spares work on the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) – Electronic Support Measures System (ESM) antenna radio frequency processor, and several other aircraft subsystems. Future ESM business will focus on the maintenance of the current system and the production of a new system that will be added to the aircraft during a future upgrade program. The production of this new system will be performed at the Heath, Ohio site. The Corinth facility also supplies repairs and spares support for electronic systems used on the 767 AWACS, the B-52 Stratofortress, the KC-135 Stratotanker, the E-6 Mercury, the E-4 Advanced Airborne Command Post, and other systems.

The state of Ohio's Department of Development recently approved a capital investment package and incentives valued at slightly more than \$2 million to support Boeing with the transition project. The incentives include tax credits and workforce development training. The Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority will work with the state to provide an investment loan to Boeing.

The 36 Corinth employees were informed this past October that the business would be moving to Heath after the current non-Boeing occupant of the building announced it would terminate its current lease and vacate the building by October 2005. Boeing is seeking a buyer for the building.

“Our current plan calls for the transition of business to Heath beginning late in the second quarter of 2005,” said Heath Center Director Bob Weideman. “A plan for the transition has been developed. As always, support to our customer is the top priority of our plan.”

Boeing Guidance Repair Center was established to perform complete depot level repair and calibration of inertial guidance/navigation systems for the military services.

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