



SNAPSHOT

THE LEADING EDGE Boeing Phantom Works engineers Matt Stout (left) and Norm Princen inspect the leading edge of the X-48B Blended Wing Body concept in California. Boeing has built two 21-foot/6.4-meter-wingspan X-48B prototypes to further explore and validate the structural, aerodynamic and operational advantages of the BWB concept as a potential future military aircraft. Ground testing is under way, in preparation for flight testing in early 2007.

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QUOTABLE

The 747-8F has a lighter empty operating weight [than the A380] and, because it came to market later, it also has the benefit of new engine technology.”

—Richard Pinkham, a Singapore-based consultant for the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation, in a Nov. 21 Bloomberg News report. Korean Air in November said it’s purchasing five 747-8 Freighters, along with 10 777-300ERs, and five Next-Generation 737s

Best value had to do with mission capability as it is related to cost, and as it is related to schedule.”

—Susan Payton, U.S. Air Force assistant secretary for Acquisition, about the Air Force decision to select the Boeing HH-47 helicopter for its Combat Search and Rescue program competition, at a Nov. 9 press conference

More than ever before, companies are seeing the link between good health and productivity.”

—Beth Bierbower, vice president of product innovation for insurance provider Humana, discussing the value of company-provided wellness programs, in the Nov. 6 issue of *Time*. For more on Boeing’s wellness resources, see Page 28 of the October 2006 *Boeing Frontiers*.

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