



**PHOTO:** The wings for the first two 747-8 Freighters are shown on the production line in Everett, Wash. GAIL HANUSA/BOEING

## FIRST 747-8 FREIGHTER PASSES HALFWAY MARK

Last month, 747 Program employees completed several milestones for the 747-8 Freighter that's coming together at the Everett, Wash., facility. More than 50 percent of the airplane has been completed and final body join is expected in the third quarter. Workers have assembled the forward and aft fuselage sections, completed the wing stub join and begun engine buildup on the first GEnx-2B engines. "This airplane will provide our customers with the lowest operating costs and best economics of any freighter," said Paul Nuyen, vice president of Manufacturing for the 747 Program.

## SHANGRI-LA DIALOGUE: STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF ASIA, MIDDLE EAST MARKETS

Representing Boeing at the 8th Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Integrated Defense Systems President and CEO Jim Albaugh, IDS Vice President of International Business Development Mark Kronenberg, Boeing Southeast Asia President Skip Boyce and International Government Relations Vice President Stanley Roth shared their thoughts on the importance of participating in the event.

"I have been coming to Shangri-La for the last seven years and each year it gets better," Albaugh said. "This is an opportunity for me to meet our customers and to listen to premier discussions on defense policy. It allows us to listen to our customers and hear what their concerns are and see how we can meet their needs in the future."

Each year, the world's top decision-makers and thought leaders—including defense ministers, senior government officials, military chiefs, think tanks and academics—come to Singapore to network and discuss current defense and security issues. The U.S. Secretary of Defense has shown strong support for the Shangri-La Dialogue for the past seven years.

According to Kronenberg, there is \$70 billion worth of international opportunities that can significantly contribute to the bottom line of IDS. He said Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Middle East are key international markets for Boeing. The Asia-Pacific region makes up approximately 50 percent of Boeing's international long-range business plan.

## BOEING LIBRARY WINS INNOVATION AWARD

The Boeing Library has been honored with the J. Keller Innovations in Technology Award by the Special Libraries Association, an international association of information professionals.

The award honors the program "Building Communities Through Content: Leveraging Technical Expertise Through the Boeing Library," which collects and catalogs the work of top Boeing scientists and engineers and creates gateway pages online for specific work groups, linking them to resources they need from within and outside of Boeing.

Sue Brewsaugh, library manager in Cypress, Calif., said, "We are honored and pleased. It's a validation that the approach we are taking is viewed as the right approach by our profession."

The organization is made up of information resource experts who collect, analyze, evaluate, package and disseminate information to promote accurate decision-making in corporate, academic and government settings.

The winning team members are Diane Brenes, Sue Brewsaugh, Eric Bryan, Margaret Deeds, Joan Dubis, Angela Gillis, Blair Hinz, Robert McAllister, Martha Mori, Karen Robertson, Josh Walters and Mary Whittaker.