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## Boeing to open Suffolk experimentation center

Boeing will open a new center in Suffolk at Bridgeway Technology Center III designed to facilitate collaboration with its customers through experimentation using live, virtual and constructive computer simulation.

Boeing has leased 7,500 square feet of office space for its multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art experimentation center. It will initially employ nine people and have the capability to virtually network many others during events, as needed, from a pool of hundreds more. This new investment will directly support the Boeing and U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) three-year Cooperative Research and Development Agreement to analyze current, emerging, and future joint warfighting concepts and capabilities in concert with USJFCOM's Suffolk-based Joint Innovation and Experimentation Directorate.

The new center will support experiments to analyze proposed concepts and their enabling capabilities for the U.S. Department of Defense and other government entities located in the Hampton Roads region. The center is expected to become operational in fall of 2008.

This facility, supported by the Boeing Laboratory Network, will have access to hundreds of labs worldwide and a wealth of special systems experts to support the center's activities.

“The intention of this center is to substantially shorten today’s extended development cycle by examining alternative concepts through demonstration, experimentation and training in a virtual environment,” said Guy Higgins, vice president of Boeing Advanced Systems’ Analysis, Modeling, Simulation and Experimentation group. “This facilitates getting the best capability to the warfighter, as rapidly as possible, for both the overseas role and that of defending the borders of our country and of our allies.”

“We are happy to welcome Boeing to Suffolk, and congratulate them on their Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with USJFCOM,” said Mayor Linda T. Johnson. “USJFCOM is a significant economic engine for our city, and I am pleased to see that Boeing will be complementing this work as part of their increasing support to them.”

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