

THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

New Space Gallery/Shuttle Retirement Fact Sheet

The Seattle Museum of Flight is taking the first steps in an extensive expansion and development plan to fulfill its promise to be a premier institution for learning about space exploration and engaging the next generation of space explorers through hands-on learning. The initial expansion project is the construction of a new 15,500-square-foot Space Gallery, which could eventually house one of three retiring United States space shuttles (NASA decision expected April 12, 2011) and other space artifacts.

The Seattle Museum of Flight Space Gallery:

- **Gallery Cost:** \$12 million for phase one construction
- **Fundraising:** \$3 million from the state of Washington; \$9 million from private donations
- **Project Team:** SRG Partnership, Inc., Sellen Construction Co., The Seneca Real Estate Group
- **Size:** 15,500-square-feet, designed to shelter the shuttle that is 122 feet long, with a height of 56 feet
- **Construction Delivery Date:** August 2011
- **Location:** West side of East Marginal Way, across the street from the main Museum campus, connected by the T. Evans Wyckoff Memorial Bridge

Space Shuttle Retirement Details:

- The first retired shuttle **could be delivered as early as eight months after the April 12 announcement**
- **The decision from NASA is dependent on several criteria**, with a principal focus on K-12 education and inspiration to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers
- **Other requirements** for the applying institutions include:
 - Having a **climate-controlled building** already in place to house the space shuttle by August 2011
 - **Demonstrated experience in exhibit and display development** for educational purposes
 - **A sufficiently long enough runway on which to land the 747** that will carry the shuttles to their ultimate destinations
 - **A location near a large metropolitan area**
- **Approximately 29 museums around the nation are competing** for three shuttles with a fourth promised to the Smithsonian Institution
 - The shuttle **Discovery** is promised to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near the Washington Dulles International Airport
 - **Enterprise, Atlantis and Endeavour** will be distributed to sites across the nation

About The Seattle Museum of Flight

- **Founded in 1965** as a non-profit air and space museum
- **Home to more than 120 historically significant air- and spacecraft** including the first jet Air Force One and the West Coast's only Concorde
- **Home to The Boeing Company's original manufacturing facility**, the Red Barn®
- **Aeronautical library and archival holdings are the largest on the West Coast** serving customers from at least 48 states and 24 foreign countries last year
- **Education programs serve nearly 140,000 participants annually** with over 20 individual programs, aligned to state academic standards. Extensive geographical outreach with both traveling vans and distance learning education programs. Focused on interactive STEM content.
- **Host to nearly 450,000 visitors** each year
- **Selected as a Smithsonian Affiliate in 2007**
- **Accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM)**

For more information on the Museum's plans, how to donate to the Museum's Space Gallery, or how to show your support for the space shuttle, please visit www.museumofflight.org.