

# A score of Boeing suitors

More than 20 states may be sending in proposals today to build the 7E7.

Contenders  
for 7E7 in white



Contenders	Potential cities	The pitch	Source
Washington	Everett, Moses Lake	Existing home of jet manufacturing, deep Pacific Rim port, available skilled labor, good flying weather, transportation woes, volatile political initiative system, huge new tax breaks	
Texas	Fort Worth, Brownsville, El Paso, Harlingen, Houston, San Antonio	Deep-port access, lax union rules, aggressive political boosters. "Anybody in their right mind is not doing their job if they're not pursuing Boeing," said San Antonio booster.	AP, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
California	Long Beach, Palmdale, Victorville, San Bernardino, Moreno Valley, Sacramento plus three others	Deep Pacific Rim port, good flying weather, skilled work force. High cost of doing business.	California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency. San Bernardino County Sun
North Carolina	Charlotte, Wilmington, Greensboro, Elizabeth City, Raleigh, Kinston's Global TransPark.	Hungry for jobs, but reportedly reluctant to hand out big tax breaks or cash.	Raleigh News & Observer, Greensboro News Record, Charlotte Business Journal, N.C. Department of Commerce
South Carolina	Charleston	Deep seaports, long runways, low cost of doing business, aggressive boosters. Commerce Secretary Bob Faith says, "We're hot and heavy after it."	The Post & Courier of Charleston, Charlotte Business Journal, AP
Georgia	Savannah, Brunswick	Deep port access, schools, large aerospace/defense work force. Won a 3,000-job DaimlerChrysler plant last year. Gov. Sonny Perdue: "We're not going to plead with perfume and flowers. We're not going to send gifts."	Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Florida Times-Union, AP, Ga. Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism
Florida	Palm Beach County	Long runway, port access. Enterprise Florida, a public/private development group, said it was invited to talk with Boeing.	Palm Beach Post
Alabama	Mobile, Huntsville, Decatur	Port access, history of big tax breaks and incentives for Hyundai plant, low cost of doing business, existing Boeing facilities. Officials talking about building a new port in Huntsville.	AP, The Huntsville Times
Mississippi	N/A	Deep water ports, low cost of doing business. Gave Nissan big tax breaks to build a plant there three years ago.	Chicago Tribune
Arkansas	Fort Smith, Little Rock, Blytheville, Northwest Arkansas	Boeing asked them to submit a proposal. A top-rated business climate, lax union rules, low cost of doing business, considering dangling big incentives.	AP, KARK-TV
Louisiana	Shreveport	Politicians keeping mum.	The (Tacoma) News-Tribune
Illinois	Peotene, Rockford, Quad Cities, Metro East across Mississippi River from St. Louis	Available work force, favorable property tax rates. Publicly unwilling to dangle big cash incentives. Gov. Rod Blagojevich reportedly talked to Boeing CEO Phil Condit.	AP, Raleigh News & Observer, Chicago Tribune
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Tulsa	Available work force. Military airfield. Shallow port. Hundreds of millions in tax incentives reportedly on the table.	Tulsa World
Colorado	Pueblo	Available land, skilled labor, trying to downplay a lack of port access. An admitted longshot.	Rocky Mountain News
Arizona	Mesa	Long runways, rail links, available work force, land, low taxes, no port. Mesa already has 4,000 Boeing jobs. U.S. Sen John McCain, a critic of the Boeing 767 tanker deal, tells Phoenix Business Journal, "We're one of three or four states" in the running for 7E7.	Arizona Republic, Phoenix Business Journal
Wisconsin	Oshkosh, Fox River Valley	Underutilized airport in Oshkosh, but no year-round ports. Officials admit they have a long shot.	Appleton Post-Crescent
Indiana	Indianapolis, Gary, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Peru, South Bend	Long runways, available work force, rail links, tax breaks, low utility costs. South Bend has Honeywell, a big Boeing supplier. An admitted long shot.	AP, WSBT News 22, WFIE-14. Indiana Department of Commerce, Ft. Wayne News Sentinel, Chicago Tribune
Ohio	Youngstown, Columbus, Toledo, Dayton	The four cities submitted proposals a week ago. No deep ports.	AP
Michigan	Willow Run Airport, Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Authority, Alpena County Regional Airport	Runways, tax package, job training, state-financed infrastructure improvements, available work force.	Michigan Economic Development Corp., Detroit News
New Jersey	Millville	Mayor admits odds are slim.	AP
Missouri	St. Joseph, St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Joplin, Cape Girardeau	Boeing's site consultant reportedly asked St. Joseph to submit a proposal.	St. Joseph News Press, AP
New Mexico	Southern New Mexico	Economic-development secretary won't list cities.	AP