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The Space Shuttle

- The world's first "reusable spacecraft."
- Orbiter is 122 feet long; 57 feet tall; 78-foot wingspan.
- First Shuttle mission – April 12-14, 1981.
- Crews range in size from four to eight people. Over 600 crew members have flown on 132 Shuttle missions (multiple missions for many astronauts).
- The Space Shuttle program has sent over 3 million pounds of cargo into space.
- The Hubble Space Telescope was lifted into space by Discovery in April 1990.

Landing the Space Shuttle - the Beginning

- NASA announced that the Space Shuttle fleet will be retired in 2010.
- Museum Board of Trustees met in Feb. 2008:
 - Reviews future prospects for a Shuttle Orbiter to display at MOF.
 - Commits to NASA that we will build a 15,500-s.f. Gallery, if we were granted an Orbiter.
- In mid-Feb. 2010, following the President's announcement that Space Shuttle missions will end in Sept. 2010, NASA issued a new RFI to potential orbiter recipients, namely:
 - All successful recipients must take delivery of vehicle between July and December 2011.
 - A suitable climate-controlled indoor facility is required to house the Orbiter when delivered.
 - Orbiter cannot be exposed to precipitation.
 - Successful recipients will be required to pay NASA \$28.8 million for preparation and transportation of each Orbiter.

Destination Washington

- The Museum of Flight is uniquely positioned to be an outstanding shuttle destination
 - Proximity to large population base
 - Proximity to appropriate airfield
 - Outstanding education, curatorial, and exhibit programs
 - Executive Committee committed to construction of extraordinary facility
 - Opportunity to drive tourism, Museum attendance for years to come
- Ties to Seattle
 - More than 26 astronauts from Pacific Northwest
 - Boeing 747 transport
 - Rich aerospace history
 - Boeing “CAPPS”

The Competition

- Press reported 21 respondents to the NASA RFI. NASA did not release the names, but the following are “self” or “press” reported “
 - **Washington, D.C.:** Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM) (will receive Discovery and release Enterprise, the atmospheric test vehicle)
 - **Florida:** NASA Kennedy Space Center (launch site)
 - **Texas:** NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston
 - **Ohio:** Dayton, National Museum of the United States Air Force
 - **California:** Palmdale Plant 42, Original Assembly Site
 - **Oregon:** Evergreen Air and Space Museum in McMinnville
 - **New York:** Intrepid Museum on the Hudson
 - **Oklahoma:** Tulsa Air and Space Museum

Application Status

- Responded to the NASA Request for Information (RFI) on March 17, 2009 and update on February 19, 2010.
 - One of 21 museums and science centers responding
- Have letters of support to NASA, Smithsonian, and President Obama from Governor Gregoire, WA Congressional Delegation, Washington Education Association, and WA legislature.
 - Requesting letters from school districts and local mayors
- Space Shuttle Gallery estimated to cost \$12M. Have received private pledges of \$5M with \$3M budgeted by the state. Will require capital campaign for remainder.

2008 Support of Space Shuttle Request from the Governor's Office



CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE
Governor

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August 19, 2008

The Honorable Michael D. Griffin
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2 Independence Square, 300 E Street SW
Room 9F44
Washington, D.C. 20546

The Honorable G. Wayne Clough
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
1000 Jefferson Drive SW
Room 205
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Administrator Griffin and Secretary Clough:

I am pleased to join Washington State's Congressional Delegation in support of the Museum of Flight's application to secure one of the remaining United States Space Shuttles, which President Bush has announced will be retired in 2010.

The Museum of Flight is a world renowned facility as well as a cultural and educational landmark in Washington State. With nearly 500,000 visitors in 2007, attendance continues to grow as a new generation of Americans comes of age during this exciting time of exploration and technological advancement. Students from all over the country will be among the many to benefit from the Museum of Flight's numerous educational programs emphasizing the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

The last two years have marked tremendous growth in the Museum's history of space flight and exploration programs. A new exhibit entitled "Space: Exploring the New Frontier" opened in June 2007, with more exhibits planned. In January 2008, it served as the site of the first Future Forum, celebrating NASA's 50th Anniversary. The Museum has also developed a Space Exhibit Master Plan which includes a 40,000 square foot facility with a wing specifically designed to house a Space Shuttle. Additionally, the Museum's President and CEO, Washington native Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, is a former NASA astronaut. Dr. Dunbar has been a driving force behind the Museum's STEM programs, and she stands ready to oversee the Shuttle's preservation and facilitate the educational benefits that come with housing such a unique piece of history.

I am confident that the Museum of Flight offers the location, staff, and facilities necessary to maintain a Space Shuttle. As we approach the 2010 Shuttle retirement deadline, I look forward to continuing our work together to make this possibility a reality.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor



2009 Support of Space Shuttle Request from the Governor's Office

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November 23, 2009

The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2 Independence Square
300 E Street SW, Room 9F44
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Administrator Bolden:

I am pleased to write again in support of Washington State's Museum of Flight's application to acquire one of the space shuttle orbiters upon retirement in 2010.

Located in our state's largest metropolitan area, and adjacent to Boeing Field's 10,000-foot runway, the Museum of Flight is a world renowned facility as well as a cultural and educational landmark. With about 500,000 visitors a year, including nearly 150,000 students, it has the largest K-12 education program of any air and space museum in the world. Its offering of more than 56 public programs hosts astronauts, pilots, engineers, authors, policy makers, researchers, and visionaries.

The Museum of Flight's numerous educational programs emphasize the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, which is also a priority in our state's high school, college, and university curriculum. I am confident that Dr. Dunbar and her experienced staff are prepared to preserve the shuttle in the planned Space Gallery and facilitate the untold educational benefits of housing such a unique piece of history.

I appreciate your leadership and thank you for this opportunity to encourage your selection of Washington State's Museum of Flight as part of this historic endeavor to inspire future generations to greater heights.

Sincerely,


Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

cc: G. Wayne Clough, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Kevin Callaghan, Chair, Museum of Flight Board of Trustees
Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, President and CEO, Museum of Flight



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Support of Space Shuttle Request from the Washington Congressional Delegation

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 17, 2008

The Honorable Michael D. Griffin
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2 Independence Square, 300 E Street SW
Room 9F44
Washington, D.C. 20546

The Honorable Cristian Samper
Acting Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Office of the Secretary, Room 205
1000 Jefferson Drive, SW
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Administrator Griffin and Secretary Samper:

We are writing in support of the Museum of Flight's application to secure one of the remaining United States Space Shuttles, which President Bush has announced will be retired in 2010.

A world-renowned air and space museum in Seattle, the Museum of Flight is a source of pride to all of us in Washington state. Founded in 1965, the Museum has been accredited by the Association of American Museums (AAM) since 1986 and was awarded the status of Smithsonian Affiliate in 2007. The Museum is the largest non-governmental 501(c)(3) air and space museum in the world in gallery size and operating budget, with over 150 exhibited air and space craft. The facility has the largest aerospace research library and archives on the West Coast, including The Dahlberg Center for Military History, which includes many rare collections, such as the Wright Corporate papers. Nearly 500,000 visitors experienced the Museum of Flight in 2007 and attendance continues to grow. The Museum of Flight's success has come from the support of a highly engaged community and the generosity of individual contributors and members.

In 2007, nearly 143,000 students were exposed to the Museum's education programs and the Museum is part of a statewide and national effort to encourage more youth to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers. We are very proud of the Museum's STEM-aligned education programs which include the unique Aviation Learning Center for grades 4 through 12 – an immersive, hands-on math and science education program; distance learning programs with NASA; the Challenger Learning Center; the Washington State Aerospace Scholars Program - a summer apprentice program for high school juniors; and 20 other standards-aligned educational programs.

In the last two years, the Museum's Board of Trustees has taken steps to strengthen its focus on the history of space flight and exploration. A new exhibit entitled "Space: Exploring the new frontier" opened in June 2007, with additional exhibits to follow. The Museum has created a Space Exhibit Master Plan which will guide the collecting and exhibition efforts for future galleries. The plan includes the construction of a new 40K square foot Space Gallery building with a wing which will be sized for a Space Shuttle. This building will provide protection for a priceless artifact "in the public trust." A site for the new building has been secured and a capital fundraising plan is underway.

The Museum of Flight is located in the heart of a large metropolitan area, ten minutes from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and 15 minutes from the center of Seattle at King County International Airport. In addition, Seattle is an international seaport, attracting visitors from throughout the world.

Dr. Bonnie J. Dunbar, the President and CEO of the Museum of Flight and a native of Sunnyside, Washington, is a former NASA astronaut and veteran of five space flights. She is therefore uniquely qualified to guide the Museum's new space wing concept. We have every confidence that under her leadership the Shuttle will be preserved and utilized in a manner befitting its historical importance.

In conclusion, we can think of no more appropriate and fitting location for a Space Shuttle than the Museum of Flight in Seattle. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with you as the 2010 deadline approaches.

Sincerely,



Sen. Patty Murray



Sen. Maria Cantwell



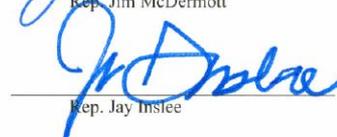
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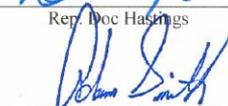
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Rep. Jay Insee



Rep. Adam Smith



Rep. Brian Baird



Rep. Rick Larsen



Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers



Rep. Dave Reichert

cc: Shana Dale
Deputy Administrator, NASA

General Jack Dailey
Director, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Olga Dominguez
Assistant Administrator, Office of Infrastructure and Administration
NASA

Support of Space Shuttle Request from the Washington State Legislature



Washington State Legislature

March 2, 2009

Michael D. Griffin, Administrator
National Aeronautic and Space Administration
2 Independence Square, 300 E St SW #9F44
Washington DC, 20546

G. Wayne Clough, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
1000 Jefferson Dr. SW #205
Washington DC, 20560

Dear Administrator Griffin and Secretary Clough:

We, the undersigned members of the 2009 Washington State Legislature, are taking time out of our intense legislative duties to let you know of our very enthusiastic support of Seattle's Museum of Flight. It is applying for one of the Space Shuttles that will be retired in 2010.

The Museum of Flight is a very worthy and appropriate location for such a display. Seattle is the gateway to the Pacific, the largest metropolitan city in the Northwest, and a major contributor to the history of commercial aviation and space exploration.

This world-renowned Museum provides wide visibility and educational inspiration to thousands of guests. It is host to more than 500,000 visitors a year and has the largest K-12 air and space educational program in the world, serving more than 120,000 youth annually.

The Museum's space collection includes both owned and on loan artifacts from the icons of history. These include astronomer Carl Sagan, rocket pioneer Robert Goddard, the Apollo Command Training Module 007, an Apollo space suit, an X-15 pressure suit, three different lunar rocks, the Pete Conrad Collection, the Lunar Rover Engineering Prototype, and more. The Shuttle will be a tremendous addition to this popular Northwest exhibit.

The Museum of Flight will continue to provide a unique aerospace education and history experience for many years to come. We respectfully request you accept the Museum's Space Shuttle application.

Sincerely,

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Margaret Prentice
Senator - 11th District

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Ed Orcutt
Representative - 18th District

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Representative - 11th District

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Support of Space Shuttle Request from Washington Education Association



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March 5, 2010

Dr. Bonnie Dunbar
President and CEO
Museum of Flight
9404 East Marginal Way South
Seattle, Washington 98108

Dear Dr. Dunbar,

As president of the Washington Education Association, I would like to express my strong support for your efforts to bring a retired space shuttle to The Museum of Flight. Educators across the State of Washington recognize the shuttle as not just a showpiece for the Museum, but as an inspirational artifact that presents real science applications for our students State-wide.

Washington State Science Standards mandate a strong science application thread spanning from kindergarten through grade twelve. Washington educators recognize that knowledge of science is not enough to prepare learners for the future. Students must understand that science and technology work together to solve problems using teamwork. At an early age, our learners are expected to begin to understand how technology has developed and changed our world. They are required to design scientific solutions to problems and select appropriate scientific tools to meet goals. They evaluate how well their tools have helped solve a problem and modify their ideas through a design process. Our students are expected to appreciate the applications to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics that people of all ability levels, cultures, ages, and interests have made. Having an actual artifact like the shuttle to study will definitely give students a greater appreciation for technological advancement.

The Museum of Flight's mission statement expresses very well why the Museum would provide a wonderful venue for an artifact as incredible as the space shuttle. "The Museum of Flight exists to acquire, preserve and exhibit historically significant air and space artifacts that provide a foundation for scholarly research and lifelong learning programs inspiring an interest in and understanding of science, technology and the humanities." The Museum already houses many historic artifacts and exhibits that trace the development of flight from Leonardo da Vinci, to the Wright

Brothers, to military and commercial flight, to the space age and travel to the Moon. Adding a space shuttle to the other artifacts would be especially meaningful, since our students of today have grown up on shuttle science and have an appreciation of the vehicle, even though few have actually seen one in real life. A shuttle on display at The Museum of Flight has the potential to reach far more students than most museums across our nation. Not only that, the Museum takes its educational mission so seriously that it has aligned all of its educational programs to the Washington State Standards.

2009 data shows Museum programs and educational initiatives reached 124,120 participants from across the State of Washington. These students have been inspired and encouraged to dream by the Museum of Flight's exceptional educational programs.

Just as the first lunar landing triggered an interest for an entire generation to sign up for math, science, and engineering, so our students continue to be thrilled by space. A retired space shuttle will truly bring home the real science that can be accomplished by people who work together to solve problems. The space shuttle will provide relevance and excitement that will in turn stoke scientific ambitions and goals in our region that is historically an aerospace center.

Bringing the retired space shuttle to a home at The Museum of Flight is a state-wide initiative supported by Washington's Governor, United States Senators and Representatives, teachers and education support professionals.

Best wishes,

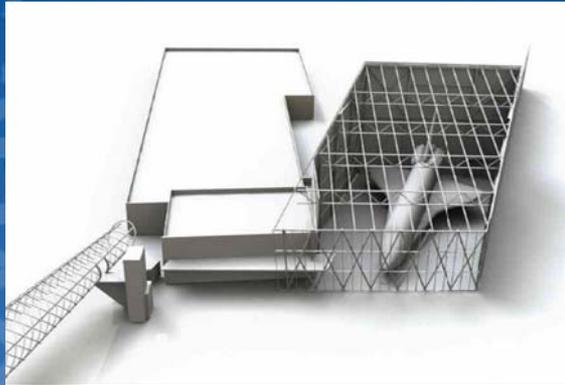
Mary Lindquist
President
Washington Education Association

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The Museum of Flight - Recent Actions

- In February, we reassembled our design/build team (Seneca, SRG & Sellen) to answer these questions:
 - Can we design, permit, and build a Shuttle Gallery by July 2011?
 - Can we build it for \$12 million or less?
 - In today's climate, can we raise the money to fund the project?
- In March, MOF Executive Committee votes unanimously to build the Space Gallery.
- Groundbreaking to take place June 29
- Construction to begin in late August

Proposed Space Gallery



Air Transit
Gallery

Space
Gallery

Aviation High
School

Phase One of the west-side development will be the 15,500-sq.-ft. Space Gallery. Future plans include the Aviation High School and the Air Transit Gallery.

Space Gallery Funding

| <u>Sources</u> | <u>\$Million</u> |
|---|------------------|
| Foundation Grant | 3.0 |
| Private Pledges | 2.0 |
| Remainder from Wyckoff Bridge | 0.9 |
| Washington State Capital Grant | <u>3.0</u> |
| Current Total | 8.9 |
| Applied for New Market Tax Credit Funds | 2.1 |

Recent Developments

- Enlisted Garrigan Lyman to assist with website development, other marketing activities (www.washingtonshuttleboosters.org)
- New creative gives “personality” to the space shuttle
- Enhanced website went live Friday, June 18
- Enlisted Pattie Payne / Lee Keller to assist with public relations activities
- Additional P.R. activities to follow

Washington Space Shuttle Boosters

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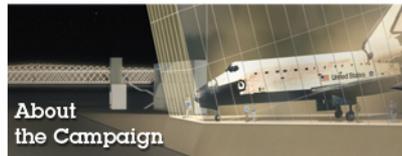


A Message from Bonnie Dunbar

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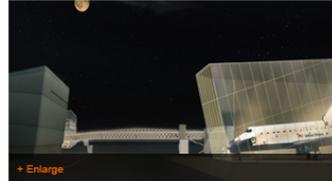
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[See the New Space Gallery](#)



Fly through the future Space Gallery in this 3-D video visualization. [+ Play](#)



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The Space Gallery and Shuttle Gallery will reside on the west side of Marginal Way alongside the planned Commercial Gallery and Aviation High School. [+ Enlarge](#)



Lessons learned from Space: *Exploring the New Frontier* (opened in June 2007) will inform future Space Gallery exhibits. [+ Enlarge](#)



Designed by SRG architects, the Shuttle Gallery features a glass room for the Space Shuttle with a view of the stars. [+ Enlarge](#)



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