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### Photo Etch Joins Boeing in Washington

*Boeing and Key Suppliers Unite to Address Impact of Potential C-17 Funding Cut*

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**FORT WORTH, TX – March 8, 2006** — Photo Etch, a leading aerospace manufacturing company, will be joining the Boeing Executive Team at their Annual C-17 Supplier Meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 7-8. Randy Fry, president and chief executive officer of Photo Etch, will be meeting with elected representatives, including Congresswoman Kay Granger, as well as Defense Advisors and Military Legislative staff to explain the importance of the C-17A Globemaster III, and how a budget cut will significantly impact the company.

According to Fry, “Photo Etch generated almost \$1 million in revenue in the last four years as a supplier to Boeing’s C-17 program. This revenue, as well as the jobs of up to 7 employees (about 9% of our employee base) are at stake if Congress doesn’t approve additional C-17 funding in the 2007 budget.”

At this time, it’s unclear whether Congress will approve funding for the C-17, which has been recognized for its performance in the Global War on Terrorism (recently serving as a military evacuation plane carrying wounded ABC anchorman Bob Woodruff) and in humanitarian aid missions worldwide. As a result, more than \$920 million dollars and 30,000 jobs are at stake for Boeing and its 700 suppliers – companies like Photo Etch that rely greatly on these government-funded initiatives.

#### **About Photo Etch**

Photo Etch designs and manufactures displays and control panels used for military and commercial airborne and ground communications, as well as navigation systems. The company also manufactures flight simulation and training components. One of Photo Etch’s specialties is night vision technology for airborne military operations. Photo Etch’s client base includes major defense contractors like Boeing, Lockheed-Martin and Grumman Aerospace, as well as U.S. Department of Defense agencies like the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. Founded in 1960, Photo Etch follows ISO 9001 and SAE AS9100 quality standards, as well as a company-wide lean manufacturing initiative. The firm operates from a 50,000-square-foot facility in Fort Worth, Texas. For more information, visit [www.photo-etch.com](http://www.photo-etch.com) or call (817) 332-3806.

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