



# The Delaware River and Bay Authority **NEWS ADVISORY**

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**Boeing, DRBA Celebrate Opening of New Chinook Facility at Millville Airport  
NJ Governor Chris Christie, Congressman Frank LoBiondo and NJ Senate President  
Steve Sweeney to participate in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

(Millville, NJ) On Wednesday, April 7, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Congressman Frank LoBiondo, NJ Senate President Steve Sweeney, as well as other state and local elected leaders will join with Boeing executives, United States Army representatives, and Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials to celebrate the opening of Boeing's new Chinook Helicopter Modification Facility at the Millville Airport. The helicopter modification facility is expected to add 45 manufacturing jobs in 2010 and has the potential to create as many as 100 total new jobs for the region during the contract term.

On February 3, 2010, Boeing Global Services and Support signed a lease for two aviation hangars at the airport to perform the necessary modifications for their client, the United States Army. The modern, state-of-the-art hangar facilities, now commonly referred to as the 'Boeing Chinook Modification Center,' contain approximately 80,000 square feet of useable space, including office, storage, shop, and interior aircraft parking. The initial term is for four (4) years with two additional option periods of two (2) years each.

These brand new helicopters will receive about ten upgrades at the Millville facility, among those upgrades is a defensive system used to hide the helicopters' infrared signatures so they can avoid infrared-targeting systems used with rocket-propelled grenades and other anti-aircraft weapons. These modifications are vital for keeping our troops safe in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Where:** Millville Airport Chinook Facility, Hangar #1 located at One Thunderbolt Drive, Millville, NJ 08332

**When:** Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. sharp.

**Why:** When fully operational, the modification center is expected to create approximately 100 jobs, including positions that require an A&P license. The A&P, also known as the Airframe & Powerplant license, is an FAA license that permits individuals to legally perform mechanical maintenance to an aircraft. In addition, Boeing Global Services

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and Support is exploring the possibility of purchasing materials and supplies locally that are necessary to complete the modification work at the Airport, which would result in ancillary benefits for regional businesses.

Millville Airport is centrally located between where the helicopters are manufactured – in Ridley Park, PA – and Baltimore, MD, where the modified Chinooks will be shipped overseas to Iraq and Afghanistan. South Jersey now has a greater support role in providing for our men and women in uniform.

Boeing Global Services and Support is an internationally renowned aerospace business with world class products and services. With the introduction of the Boeing Chinook Modification Center as an anchor tenant, other companies and businesses may see the same potential for growth and opportunity at the Millville complex that the DRBA has known for years.

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### **About the DRBA**

The Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, is charged with providing vital transportation links between Delaware and New Jersey as well as economic development in the three counties of Delaware and the four southern counties of New Jersey. To fulfill these missions, the DRBA operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, the Three Forts Ferry Crossing, the Salem County Business Center and five regional airports—New Castle, Civil Air Terminal at Dover AFB, and Delaware Airpark, all in Delaware, and Millville and Cape May, both in New Jersey. All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities.