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Senator Joe Manchin visits Aurora's WV assembly facility where major Global Hawk structures are built. From left to right: Thom Wardell, Mike Peck, Senator Joe Manchin, Jody Lynch, Jeff Tillery, Jason Batson, Gerry Jacobs and Shawn Banker.

Aurora Flight Sciences Recognized for Global Hawk and BAMS Performance

Bridgeport WV, August 10, 2011 - Aurora Flight Sciences was recognized by Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) for its outstanding support as a key supplier on the U.S. Air Force Global Hawk program and the U.S. Navy Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS) program.

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was the keynote speaker at today's event which was held at Aurora's manufacturing facility in Bridgeport, West Virginia. "I am proud that Aurora's employees in West Virginia play such a vital role in building Global Hawk, our nation's premier unmanned platform. What you do day in and day out to support our warfighters is truly patriotic," said Senator Manchin. Senator Manchin is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee which has Congressional oversight responsibilities for Global Hawk and BAMS.

Aurora has been a member of Northrop Grumman's Global Hawk team since 1995. Aurora's Global Hawk workshare includes all of the aircraft's composite components except the wing and radome. Aurora recently delivered its first flight hardware to Northrop Grumman for the Navy BAMS program.

Aurora's performance on the Global Hawk and BAMS programs has achieved Northrop Grumman's objectives for quality, on time delivery, and affordability resulting in its selection as a Platinum Source Supplier in 2008. Aurora employs 175 workers in its state of the art composites manufacturing facility in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

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Aurora is the first Northrop Grumman supplier to meet the objectives of the Global Hawk program's affordability initiative. Aurora is committed to delivering affordable solutions to the DoD and its prime contractors.

The U.S. Air Force Global Hawk and U.S. Navy BAMS programs are the nation's premier unmanned aerial vehicle platforms for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance as well as communications applications. Global Hawk is currently deployed and provides unprecedented intelligence support to American warfighters as a result of its speed, range, persistence, versatility and lower operating costs.

About Aurora Flight Sciences

Aurora Flight Sciences designs and builds robotic aircraft and other advanced aerospace vehicles for scientific and military applications. Aurora is headquartered in Manassas, VA and operates production plants in Bridgeport, WV and Columbus, MS and a Research and Development Center in Cambridge, MA. To view recent press releases and more about Aurora please visit our web site at www.aurora.aero.