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**THE BOEING COMPANY
TO RECEIVE 2011 ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY**

March 15, 2012 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced Tuesday at its annual awards luncheon that Boeing's new 787 jetliner will receive the 2011 Robert J. Collier Trophy, after beating out the C-5M Super Galaxy, the Gamera Human-Powered Helicopter, and team Pipistrel-USA.com in this year's judging. The trophy is given annually to what the NAA describes as "the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year."

Tens of thousands of people got a close-up look at the sleek, new airplane during the 787's one-day visit to AirVenture last summer.

"The Collier Trophy is the Super Bowl of aerospace and we couldn't be more honored to receive the award for 2011," said Jim Albaugh, president/CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We want to thank the National Aeronautic Association and the members of the Collier Selection Committee for recognizing our team's work with such a tremendous honor."

The trophy will be formally presented at the annual Robert J. Collier Trophy Dinner set for Thursday, May 10, in Arlington, Virginia.

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit, membership organization devoted to fostering America's aerospace leadership and promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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