center for the burgeoning commercial and general aviation industries during the 1930s.

During World War II, Boeing Field was taken over by the federal government, closed to the public, and devoted to production of thousands of B-17 and B-29 bombers. After the war, the airport, restored to civilian use, was the area's primary passenger airport until Seattle-Tacoma International Airport came into service in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Key Dates in KCIA History

1928 KCIA's official dedication attended by 50,000 people. Ground broken for first county hangar. Newspapers announce take-off times for Pacific Air Transport and West Air Transport service to Portland and San Francisco.

1936 Improvements, including installation of air traffic obstruction lights and other navigational lighting, begin.

1941 New 5,825-foot paved runway opens.

1944 Runway extended to 7,526 feet.

1948 New 1,800-foot runway for light planes opens.

1951 Main runway extended to 10,000 feet.

1954 Boeing Company's 707 "Dash 80" prototype makes its maiden flight from Boeing's Renton Plant to KCIA.

1969 Small plane runway extended to present length of 3,710 feet.

1987 Museum of Flight dedicated.

2001 KCIA selected by National Air Transportation Association (NATA) as one of the "100 Most Needed Airports" in the United States.

Quick Airport Facts

Location Five miles south of downtown Seattle in the Duwamish corridor

Area 594 Acres

Long Runway 10,000 feet x 200 feet

Short Runway 3,710 feet x 100 feet

Based Aircraft 479

Services U.S. Airport of Entry - U.S. Customs, Immigration, Public Health, and Agricultural Inspection Facilities

Tenant Businesses 150

Tenant Business Employees 3,900

State/Local Taxes Generated $39 million

Regional Economic Impact $1.6 billion

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King County International Airport (KCIA)—also known as Boeing Field—is one of the busiest primary non-hub airports in the nation. Located just five miles south of downtown Seattle, KCIA averages more than 300,000 operations (take-offs and landings) each year. In 2001, it was selected by the National Air Transportation Association as one of the "100 Most Needed Airports" in the United States. It is financed by airport tenants' and customers' fees, and receives no general tax revenues.

KCIA ranks among the most successful public investments in state history. It delivers over $1.6 billion in economic impact to King County and the Puget Sound region, generates nearly $39 million in state and local taxes, and provides jobs to the more than 3,900 people who work at its 150 tenant businesses.

Boeing Field serves small commercial passenger airlines, cargo carriers, private aircraft owners, helicopters, corporate jets, and military and other aircraft. The airport is also home to the Boeing Company's 737 aircraft flight-test program, along with other Boeing operations. The Museum of Flight is located there, with its wide variety of aircraft and exhibits showcasing aviation history. KCIA is frequently host to celebrities and dignitaries—including the President of the United States—who prefer Boeing Field because of its proximity to downtown Seattle and other commercial areas.

As part of its effort to maintain strong relationships with surrounding communities, KCIA recently launched its "Fly Quiet" program, a voluntary awareness program for pilots operating at Boeing Field. Fly Quiet complements KCIA efforts already in place to monitor and identify noise incidents. The airport is committed to mitigating impacts on residents and schools in "noise-sensitive" areas.

KCIA: A thumbnail history

In 1928, King County voters approved a $950,000 plan to build the region's first municipal airport. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor—86 percent of those voting approved the new facility, which was named in honor of Boeing Company founder William E. Boeing. The airport supported the early growth of the Boeing Company and served as a regional

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