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BY: LOUISA GAYLORD, CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Mike Sinnett grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. His love of aviation began early; as a child, he liked to read his father's aerospace trade magazines while he was at work. Mike eventually went on to earn bachelors and master's degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Missouri – Rolla.

Mike joined the Boeing team in 1991 to serve on the Dreamliner project where he was responsible for design, performance, certification and delivery including flight test, technical configuration, product integrity and safety of the iconic jetliner. He served as chief project engineer for the 787 program for nearly four years and led the Systems team for the 787 program for more than seven years prior to that. Mike was one of three members of the leadership team to work on the 787 from initiation through first delivery—although Mike is quick to point out that it took the efforts of thousands of men and women around the world to create and bring to market the super-efficient new jetliner.

The work that goes into creating a revolutionary new aircraft takes incredible foresight. The design decisions made in the earliest planning stages often occur more than a decade before the aircraft ever hits the runway, and long before designers can draw from consumer insights. This forward-looking understanding of the aerospace world is

exactly why Mike joined the Museum's *Inspiration Begins Here!* Campaign.

It only takes a single "spark" of inspiration for a young mind to open to the limitless possibilities of the future. And with a predicted demand for over 600,000 new aerospace positions by the year 2034, the need to prepare learners for careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is greater than ever. The *Inspiration Begins Here!* Campaign is already making strides to fill this future need: Connections, the Boeing Academy for STEM Learning, and remodeled kid-focused exhibits like the Flight Zone are just some ways that campaign supporters are ensuring future growth of the aerospace industry.

The 787 Dreamliner is the perfect example of what happens when someone asks, "What if?" What if we do something we've never done before? What if we have the power to inspire the future? The Museum knows that the future begins now, and inspiration begins here.

If you're interested in inspiring the future, please contact Trip Switzer, Vice President of Development, at (206) 764-5700 or at TSwitzer@museumofflight.org.

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