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## President of Scaled Composites Awarded Prestigious James H. Doolittle Award

*Doug Shane recognized as an American aerospace pioneer*

– October 8, 2012 -- The Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) is pleased to announce that Doug Shane, president of the company's Scaled Composites, was presented the prestigious 2012 James H. Doolittle Award by Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) on September 29<sup>th</sup> in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and engineering achievements in aerospace technology.

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"Doug has been a force of innovation and leadership in aerospace design and test for over thirty years," said Paul Meyer, vice president and general manager of advanced programs and technology for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "His ability to think outside-the-box and pull forward revolutionary ideas through test and operation has directly impacted the current and future state of the aerospace industry. We are fortunate to have Doug's leadership on our team."

As the first engineer hired by Burt Rutan, the legendary aerospace designer and founder of Scaled Composites in 1982, Doug Shane has helped shaped the organization to excel in air vehicle design, tooling and manufacturing, specialty composite structure design, analysis and fabrication, and developmental flight tests of air and space vehicles.

His flight test experience includes the first flights of eight new prototypes, including White Knight, Adam 309, VisionAire Vantage, ARES light attack jet and Williams International V-Jet II, acquiring over 3900 flight hours in more than 155 types of aircraft over a span of 30-plus years. A Fellow and past President of SETP, he also won the Iven C. Kincheloe award in 1997. He was a co-recipient of the Robert J. Collier trophy in 2004. In 2008, Doug was appointed President of Scaled Composites.

Northrop Grumman Corporation acquired Scaled Composites in 2007. Reporting into the corporation's Aerospace Systems Advanced Programs and Technology division, Scaled Composites operates as a separate company supporting Northrop Grumman and other customers. Providing a level of expertise second-to-none in rapid design, innovation and prototyping, Scaled Composites is strongly aligned with Northrop

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