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# Home Access Chronicle

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## Boeing Builds A Better Bathroom For The 787

Florida

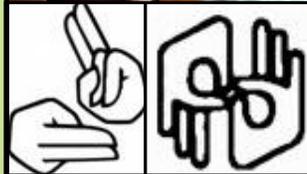
In 2008 Boeing will be introducing its all new 787 into service with advanced accessibility features. Wheelchair accessible lavatories, easy to reach stowage bins, push or pull latches and moveable armrests are only a few of the amenities being introduced. [Read More >](#)



## Sign on to these jobs

Indianapolis, IN

There is a nationwide shortage of interpreters for the deaf. Learning sign language is a great way to boost your career potential as many employers would benefit from having someone on hand who could help them communicate with deaf customers. [Read More >](#)



## A home for the ages

Salt Lake City, UT

Aging individuals are more and more conscience of their housing and making sure they can age in place. Planning ahead can reduce many headaches and obstacles and make sure seniors and the disabled can stay in their homes as they grow older and less mobile. [Read More >](#)



## Featured Products: HANDI-BOAT RAMPS

The curb cut ramp, designed and manufactured by Handi-Ramp, provides instant access at curbs. This ramp, also known as a built-up curb ramp, can be installed in less than 30 minutes at any curb. It creates curb cut type access and enables municipalities to meet ADA access requirements at a cost substantially below that of concrete reconstruction (curb cuts). The Handi-Curb Cut Ramp has a great non skid surface built into the surface of the ramp. Call (800) 876-7267.



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## Featured Consultant:

**Jim Ericksen**



Jim Ericksen is combining his construction and management experience in running his business, Nordic Home Services Group, based in Wood Dale, IL.

Nordic Home Services Group is a full service contractor that handles all shapes and sizes of jobs including grab bars, ramps, chair lifts, tub to shower conversions, walk-in bathtubs, as well as larger projects that would require architectural drawings and ADA design. Helping provide solutions to senior citizens and disabled individuals is the goal of the company.

Prior to starting Nordic Home Services Group, Jim was in operations management for several large commercial printers and then he gained a considerable amount of project management experience from the construction industry.

Nordic Home Services Group was formed with the purpose of being able to provide needed solutions to help provide more opportunities for an independent lifestyle.

"It is very rewarding to own a business where you have an opportunity to impact lives in a positive way" - Jim Ericksen

The company currently serves the residential and commercial markets, and works with many senior communities.

For more information about how Nordic Home Services can help contact Jim Ericksen

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## Home Access Program News

### Commercial Page

Many of you may remember an e-mail that we sent out recently inquiring about whether any of our members specialized in commercial as well as residential accessibility projects. We received quite a few responses and decided that a commercial realtor and consultant page (located at <http://www.homeaccessprogram.org/realtorandconsultantpage.html>) would be a beneficial resource to add to our website.

Designed to help businesses find commercial space that is accessible or assist them in modifying their already existing place of business, we feel the commercial database is an excellent addition to our program.

If you or someone you know specializes in the commercial market, please email [jyakapovich@handiramp.com](mailto:jyakapovich@handiramp.com) with contact information.

### Member News/Blog

The Home Access Program Member News/Blog is now up and running! Please feel free to visit the page located at <http://www.homeaccessprogram.org/blog/index.html> and submit any relevant news you may have or conversation topics you would like to discuss with other HAP members.

Stephen Beard recently posted information on a home ownership seminar for individuals with disabilities and we also received a submission for a radio documentary focusing on musicians with disabilities. If you have news you would like on the Blog homepage please send the information to [jyakapovich@handiramp.com](mailto:jyakapovich@handiramp.com), or simply comment on the already existing Blog News topic.

### Products Page

We are currently in the process of developing a page on the Home Access Program devoted to products for individuals with disabilities. By developing a database of products such as ramps, lifts, handrails, wheelchairs, etc. we hope to provide a list of quality equipment that our members can turn to when assisting individuals in making their home or commercial building accessible.

We will list your product on this new page for \$25 per month. The feature will include product description, photo, contact information, and link back to your website. If you or someone you know sells accessibility products please alert them of this brand new initiative.

## Fun Facts

- ~ Dogs and cats consume over \$11 billion worth of pet food a year!
- ~ The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- ~ As of July 2005, the smallest country in terms of population was Pitcairn Islands with 45 inhabitants!

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