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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] announced today that its board of directors has elected Kenneth M. Duberstein lead director, replacing Lew Platt who passed away earlier this year. Duberstein, 61, has served on the Boeing board since 1997.

"Ken has in-depth knowledge of this company and has a proven ability to build consensus. His global perspective and government experience will continue to benefit Boeing, and I am very pleased that he has agreed to take on this role," said Jim McNerney, Boeing chairman, president and CEO.

Duberstein is chairman and chief executive officer of The Duberstein Group, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm. Prior to starting the firm, he served in the Reagan administration, including two years as the president's Chief of Staff, in 1988 and 1989.

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