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Continuous testing key to sustaining system as nuclear deterrent

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., Oct. 29, 2014— Boeing [NYSE: BA] supported the U.S. Air Force's successful flight test of a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), which demonstrated the readiness of that system to deter nuclear threats.

The unarmed ICBM launched Sept. 23, 2014, from Vandenberg Air Force Base and reached a target in the Kwajalein Atoll during the test.

"Regular flight tests validate the accuracy, safety and reliability of the Minuteman system," said Peggy Morse, vice president, Boeing Directed Energy & Strategic Systems. "Through continuous testing, system modifications and upgrades, Boeing has proven to be a dependable partner to ensure Minuteman remains a safe, secure and effective deterrent for the nation."

Boeing first partnered with the Air Force in 1958 to design, assemble and test the Minuteman system. Boeing is the original equipment manufacturer and provides repair, maintenance and testing services at facilities in Utah and Ohio.

"It's essential for the U.S. Air Force to have confidence in the capabilities of Minuteman III and in Boeing's abilities to sustain the ICBM force," Morse said.

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