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Douglas P. Beighle, senior vice president of The Boeing Company, has announced his intention to retire, effective May 1.

Beighle was elected a senior vice president in April 1986. He currently serves as the chief administrative officer of the company, with functional responsibility for the following company organizations: Legal, Contracts, Corporate Secretary, Government Affairs, Public Relations and Community Affairs (including Contributions and K-12 Education Affairs). He also has served as a member of the company's Executive Council since 1980 and as chairman of the Corporate Contributions Committee.

Beighle joined Boeing in April 1980 as corporate vice president - Contracts. In September 1981 he was elected vice president and assumed the additional responsibilities of General Counsel and Secretary.

Following retirement in May, Beighle will remain active in the community through a number of organizations.

He will continue on the board of the Pacific Science Center, where currently he is president, and on the board of KCTS-9 Television, where currently he is chair.

Beighle also will continue to serve on the board of Junior Achievement of Greater Puget Sound. Previously, he served as a director of National Junior Achievement for 14 years. In 1987, Beighle was awarded the Gold Leadership Award--the organization's highest national award for volunteers. In 1994, he was honored as the fifth recipient of the national organization's Frank Cary award for his outstanding service to Junior Achievement.

Beighle also serves on the boards of Puget Sound Power & Light Company and Washington Mutual Bank.

He is past chair of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce; is immediate past chair of the Corporate Council for the Arts; and is trustee emeritus of the University of Montana Foundation.

Prior to joining Boeing in 1980, Beighle was a partner in the Seattle law firm of Perkins Coie.

Born in Deer Lodge, Montana on June 18, 1932, Beighle attended public schools in Deer Lodge and received a degree in business administration from the University of Montana in 1954, where he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma business honorary. In 1958, he received a J.D. degree with honors from the University of Montana Law School. In 1995, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the university. During 1959 and 1960, Beighle was a fellow at Harvard Law School and in 1960 he received his LL.M from Harvard. He joined the firm of Perkins Coie that same year.

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