Smukowski Appointed Deputy President of FlightSafety Boeing Training International

David Smukowski, a 19-year Boeing veteran, has been named deputy president of the joint venture between Boeing and FlightSafety International. The company provides the most comprehensive airline pilot and maintenance training available worldwide.

Smukowski, 41, previously was director of Business Strategy and Development for Boeing Enterprises, an organization he helped establish and where he was instrumental in forming FlightSafety Boeing Training International.

In his new position, Smukowski will develop a global growth strategy to bring expanded flight and ground crew training and related services to customers worldwide. He will be the primary contact for airline and military representatives with new or changing large-scale training requirements. Based in Seattle, Smukowski will coordinate FlightSafety Boeing activities with Larry Clarkson, president of Boeing Enterprises, who oversees the joint venture on behalf of Boeing. Smukowski will report to A.L. Ueltschi, chief executive officer of FlightSafety International and president of the joint venture.

"David and Al make a forceful team in representing the best of Boeing and FlightSafety to the world's airlines," said Clarkson. "David has a proven track record of identifying business opportunities and successfully bringing them to fruition."

Boeing and FlightSafety each own 50 percent of the $200 million company, which provides everything from the introductory pilot and maintenance training that accompanies a new Boeing airplane model as it enters an airline fleet, to initial and recurrent training for all 70-plus-seat aircraft crews. The joint venture currently has 12 locations worldwide, with a new center in Kunming, People's Republic of China, opening by the end of the year.

"We made a successful transition to FlightSafety Boeing Training International at all of our locations on June 30," Ueltschi said. "Now, we need to build the business. I'm delighted David will lead that effort."

Ueltschi credited Jack Martz, vice president of FlightSafety Boeing Training International, for providing a seamless transition for customers receiving training from the new venture at the Boeing Customer Training Center in nearby Renton, Wash. Martz will continue to manage FlightSafety Boeing Seattle activities and report to Ueltschi.

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