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Dean C. Borgman, Boeing senior vice president and head of the company's helicopter facility here, will retire this spring.

Borgman, 56, took over the Mesa facility in 1992 during a period of dramatic defense industry downsizing. He managed the plant during challenging times and has been recognized for his singular contributions to the company's success. He also presided over the successful development of the Apache Longbow helicopter.

"Dean has been a major contributor to the success of our military helicopter business," said Mike Sears, president of McDonnell Aircraft and Missile Systems, the Boeing unit that oversees operations at Mesa. "His track record is solid and his list of career accomplishments is impressive."

Borgman joined the former Hughes Helicopters, Inc., in 1981 after a successful career with the U.S. Army Aviation Command and with other major aerospace industry companies.

Borgman is an active member of the American Helicopter Society, serving this year as president. He also is on the advisory committees of the College of Engineering at California Polytechnic University, the College of Mines and Engineering at the University of Arizona, and the Arizona State University College of Engineering. He is chairman of the board of directors of Southwestern College, Phoenix. He also is the chairman of the Board of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

Borgman's successor will be named within the next few months.

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