Boeing Names Clayton VP Lean Manufacturing

Boeing announced that Norma Clayton has been named to the newly created position of vice president-Lean Manufacturing for its Military Aircraft and Missile Systems group. Her appointment is effective immediately.

Clayton will work closely with Al Haggerty, A&M Lean Executive and vice president of Engineering, to accelerate the implementation of lean enterprise initiatives at all A&M production areas. In addition, she will lead the A&M Manufacturing Council and will be a member of the A&M executive leadership team.

In announcing Clayton's promotion, A&M President Mike Sears said that Boeing is focused on eliminating inefficiencies and waste in every area of its business.

"We are committed to delivering superior value to our customers through products that are both high-performing and affordable," Sears said. "The use of lean initiatives in every aspect of our business is helping us make all of our aircraft, including development programs such as the Joint Strike Fighter, more affordable."

"Manufacturing is a key area that is benefiting from our lean enterprise initiatives," Sears said. "Norma is a great choice to lead these efforts because she is an innovator and proven leader."

Clayton joined the company in 1995. For the past two years, she was division director of fabrication at Boeing in St. Louis with responsibility for the tooling, composites manufacturing, machining, and sheet metal centers.

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