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The Boeing Company today announced the retirement of Stanley Ebner, senior vice president for Washington, D.C., Operations, effective Dec. 31, 1998. Ebner, 65, has served in this position since the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in August 1997. Prior to the merger, he held a similar position with McDonnell Douglas since 1994 when he joined the corporation.

"We will miss Stan as our team leader in the nation's capitol, and as a member of our Executive Council," said Phil Condit, Boeing chairman and chief executive officer. "He has made significant contributions to the effectiveness of the company's organization and presence in Washington, D.C."

"Stan was the right person to head up our Washington, D.C., operations following the merger," added Harry Stonecipher, Boeing president and chief operating officer. "His broad experience and unique skills helped bring us together quickly and effectively when it was most needed. He leaves us with an excellent capability going forward."

Following his retirement, Ebner will continue to work for Boeing as a full-time consultant to assist the company in government affairs. Originally from New Haven, Conn., Ebner has pursued a career in both government and the private sector for more than 30 years in the Washington, D.C., area.

Taking over for Ebner will be Christopher W. Hansen, 50, who currently serves as vice president of Government Affairs. Hansen will be promoted to senior vice president and become a member of the Executive Council.

"Chris and I have been working as a team ever since the merger, leading to a seamless transition," Ebner said. "Chris will do a first-rate job as the Boeing leader here in Washington, D.C. I am very pleased that the Company has asked me to continue working with Chris and other Boeing colleagues as a consultant. I have enjoyed the privilege of working with Phil and Harry as a member of their leadership team, and I remain committed to support Boeing as it heads toward a great future."

Hansen joined the Boeing Congressional Affairs organization in 1986 after working in a similar capacity for General Dynamics in Washington, D.C. At Boeing, he has held positions of increasing responsibility, including vice president of Congressional Affairs in January 1993 and vice president of the Boeing Washington, D.C., Office in September 1994.

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