

Boeing Names William H. Lawler to Key Defense Job

The Boeing Company announced today that William H. Lawler has been named vice president and general manager of business development for its Military Aircraft and Missiles Systems Group based here.

Lawler, 58, will report directly to the group's president, Mike Sears, and oversee sales, marketing and strategic planning for the \$13 billion Boeing defense unit. He joins Boeing from Northrop Grumman Corp., where he was corporate vice president and executive vice president of the company's Integrated Systems and Aerostructures Sector in Dallas. He assumes his new post on Feb. 22.

"Bill Lawler has tremendous credentials within our industry," said Sears. "With more than 36 years of experience across all aspects of the military aircraft business, he brings the leadership and vision we need to sustain and grow our business. Furthermore, he has been extremely successful in dealing with our customers and understanding their needs," Sears concluded.

Lawler began his career in aerospace with Boeing in 1962. He joined Northrop Grumman in 1985 on the B-2 stealth bomber program. A native of Russellville, Ala., he received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Alabama in 1962 and a master's in business administration from Alabama A&M in 1975.

During his earlier Boeing tenure, he worked on the Apollo, Saturn and Space Shuttle programs. At Northrop Grumman, he also led the Military Aircraft Systems Division before it became part of the Integrated Systems and Aerostructures Sector.

Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems designs, manufactures and supports military transports, trainers, fighter and attack aircraft, bombers, rotorcraft and tactical missiles. It has operations nationwide, including Long Beach, Calif.; Mesa, Ariz.; Philadelphia; San Antonio; Seattle and St. Louis.

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