Boeing Airplane Services Names New Executive for Operations and Sales

The Boeing Company announced today that two new executives have joined the Boeing Airplane Services management team. Mark Owen has been named vice president of Operations, and Robert Avery has been named vice president of Solution Sales. The two will report to Joseph Gullion, president of Boeing Airplane Services.

As vice president of Operations, Owen will oversee the integration of Boeing Airplane Services' diverse portfolio of products and services. This includes spare parts sales, engineering services, maintenance, and commercial airplane conversions. He also serves as Gullion's chief deputy.

Prior to joining Boeing Airplane Services, Owen served as vice president and general manager of The Boeing Company's military maintenance and modification centers in Wichita, Kan., San Antonio, Texas, Shreveport, La., and Jacksonville, Fla., under the Boeing Military Aircraft and Missiles Systems Group. Owen joined Boeing in 1998, bringing almost 30 years of aerospace technical and business management experience to the company. Before coming to Boeing, Owen was president and chief executive officer of Aero Corporation, a large transport aircraft maintenance and modification center in Florida.

As vice president of Solution Sales, Robert Avery is responsible for the development of service programs and packages that respond to the needs of commercial airplane customers.

Prior to his current assignment, Avery spent 32 years at BFGoodrich, chiefly in management positions. His most recent assignment was president of the company's maintenance, repair and overhaul group. His duties included profit and loss responsibility for four divisions with a total of 4,000 employees located at 18 repair stations, including three facilities in Europe and three in the Far East.

"We're delighted to have Mark and Bob on the Boeing Airplane Services team. They bring a wealth of experience and talent that will help us continue to provide our customers with the total service solutions that best meet their needs," Gullion said.

Boeing Airplane Services offers engineering retrofit packages, avionics upgrades, in-flight entertainment systems integration and cabin management solutions. It also offers passenger-to-freighter conversions, recovery and repair services, and airplane performance improvements for all Boeing commercial airplanes. In addition, Boeing Airplane Services has the most comprehensive spare parts distribution system in the industry, with a worldwide network of distribution and service centers, and provides technical consulting and general contracting support for passenger and cargo airlines.

Boeing Airplane Services is part of the Boeing Commercial Aviation Services organization, which offers the aviation industry's broadest array of support resources. There are more than 11,000 Boeing airplanes in operation today around the world.

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