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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has honored three companies -- Aitech Systems Ltd., Herzlia, Israel; Compunetix Inc., Monroeville, Penn.; and DIT-MCO International Inc., Kansas City, Mo. -- as recipients of its 1999 Exceptional Company Performance Award.

The award is presented annually by Boeing Reusable Space Systems (RSS) to recognize subcontractors and suppliers for consistent outstanding performance in providing the products and services necessary to produce and support NASA's Space Shuttle orbiter fleet. Boeing RSS is the major subcontractor to Space Shuttle prime contractor United Space Alliance.

Recipients were selected from among the Boeing RSS international network of approximately 100 active Shuttle subcontractors and suppliers. Selection criteria included product quality, technical performance, and schedule and cost compliance. The team spirit these organizations demonstrated in working together to address and resolve mutual issues was also a determining factor in the awards.

Boeing RSS Vice President and General Manager Mike Mott praised the honorees for a job well done. "These firms have distinguished themselves through exceptional quality, performance, and the ability to meet challenging schedules," he said. "We at Boeing are proud to call them our teammates, as together we continue to strive to deliver, process and maintain the world's finest spacecraft."

Aitech Systems Ltd. was honored for its excellent performance and support of the modular memory unit for the Shuttle orbiter program. Compunetix, Inc. was recognized for its excellent performance and support of the new voice communication system for the Boeing Engineering/Mission Support Room in Huntington Beach, Calif., which is used to support the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs. DIT-MCO International, Inc. was selected for its excellent performance and support of electrical test equipment for the Shuttle orbiter program.

Presentation ceremonies are being held at each company's facilities. Company representatives will also be invited to attend an upcoming Shuttle launch at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

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