Boeing Engineer Among Winners of Hammer Award

Dr. John Shaw, chief scientist, Advanced Rotorcraft Systems, was among a select group of industry and government leaders who recently received the Hammer Award from former Vice President Al Gore for their role in developing the National Rotorcraft Technology Center (NRTC).

The NRTC is an innovative industry consortium that is cutting the cost of developing new rotorcraft technology.

The Hammer Award is designed to "recognize teams of government employees and their partners for helping to create a government that works better, costs less and makes a difference in the lives of the American people," Gore said.

Shaw has been a Boeing-Philadelphia employee for 28 years and has been involved with the NRTC since its inception eight years ago.

"Boeing improves its global competitiveness by participating in the NRTC," noted Shaw, who serves as the chairman of the Technical Advisory Council. "This national partnership, funded jointly by government and industry, gives Boeing six times more technology per research and development dollar than funds spent internally.

"The NRTC has enabled an entirely new kind of collaboration between technical experts across the whole rotorcraft industry, government and academia," he continued. "Receiving the award, and to be recognized as a founder and leader of this national partnership, is one of the most satisfying events of my career."

The consortium members include Boeing, Bell Helicopter, Sikorsky, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration.

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