Boeing Notifies 85 Employees of Potential Layoff

A realignment of contract work provided by The Boeing Company [NYSE:BA] at Kennedy Space Center has resulted in 85 employees receiving 60-day notices effective today. The realignment was necessitated, in part, by a decrease in the planned workload at the launch site caused by the transition of the International Space Station (ISS) from a development to an operational program.

The realignment involved the Payload Ground Operations Contract (PGOC) and the ISS programs that support Boeing's Human Space Flight and Exploration effort, said Renee Vanderbrink, site operations director.

"This reduction does not impact the very important work we have to do on both the ISS and PGOC programs," Vanderbrink said. "We intend to maintain a strong leadership role on the Space Coast. This realignment will allow us to gain greater efficiency and to focus on providing the very best services to our customers.

"These reductions have been expected for some time now. Every effort was made to impact as few employees as possible. During the next 60 days we will make every effort to help these employees find positions within Boeing or with other area contractors. In addition, we are always looking for new business opportunities that could add positions to the site."

A job assistance center will be available for those affected employees.

Boeing managers have taken a number of steps to minimize the impact to the workforce of more than 2,700 people at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station who support the ISS, PGOC, Space Shuttle, Delta and other NASA and U.S. Air Force contracts. External hiring has been limited in the past few months and where possible employees have been reassigned to other Boeing contracts.

The Boeing Company is the largest aerospace company in the world and the United States' leading exporter. It is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft, and the largest NASA contractor. In addition to ISS and PGOC the Boeing Company supports several other NASA and U.S. Air Force contracts at Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick Air Force Base, including the Expendable Launch Vehicle program, SpaceHab, Spacelift Range Systems (SLRS) and USA's space shuttle program.

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