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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced that its senior human resources professional, James B. Dagnon, has been inducted as a fellow by the National Academy of Human Resources for his career contributions to the theory and practice of human resources management.

The honor recognizes a distinguished 30-year career for Dagnon, who has served as Boeing's senior vice president of People since 1997.

During Dagnon's tenure at Boeing, the company has successfully completed a series of mergers and acquisitions designed to transform it into a broad-based aerospace corporation. He also helped oversee the development and launch of the Boeing Leadership Center, where the company provides business and leadership skills training for its managers and executives.

"Jim is simply one of the best in his field," said Boeing Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Phil Condit. "His leadership and expertise has contributed greatly to our success, and we're excited to see him honored this way."

Prior to joining Boeing, Dagnon helped lead the successful merger of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroads. He began his career at Burlington Northern in St. Paul, Minn., as a union representative, eventually working his way through the ranks to become senior vice president of employee relations.

Active in community service, Dagnon serves on the board of trustees of the Bellevue (Wash.) Community College; the board of directors of the Seattle Children's Home Society of Washington; and on the board of INROADS, a national organization that develops and places minority youth in business and industry, and prepares them for corporate and community service. In 1998, he was appointed to the Washington Governor's Commission on Higher Education.

Dagnon is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. He was born Jan. 31, 1940, in St. Paul, Minn.

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