Boeing Vice President Elected Into Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame

William Lawler, vice president and general manager of Strategic Operations and Planning for Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems, has been inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame. Lawler's induction took place Feb. 23 at a ceremony in Birmingham, Ala.

Founded in 1987, the Hall of Fame honors the outstanding accomplishments of individuals, projects, corporations and institutions that have brought significant recognition to Alabama. Born and educated in the state, Lawler is one of six individuals who were inducted into the Hall this year.

Lawler began his aerospace career in 1962 as a research engineer in structural design at Boeing. During the next 23 years at Boeing, he made significant contributions to some of the nation's most challenging technological development programs, including the Apollo/Saturn V and the Space Shuttle.

Lawler joined Northrop Grumman in 1985 on the B-2 Stealth Bomber program. He held increasingly responsible positions in the design and development of the aircraft, including chief engineer, vice president of Engineering, and vice president of Business and Advanced Systems Development. From 1994 to 1996, Lawler served as deputy general manager of the B-2 Division and B-2 program manager. He was named corporate vice president and general manager of the company's Military Aircraft Systems Division in 1997, and later served as a corporate vice president and executive vice president of the Integrated Systems and Aerostructures Sector of Northrop Grumman. He rejoined Boeing in 1999.

In his current position at Boeing, Lawler's responsibilities include strategic planning; asset utilization and consolidation; industrial participation and international alliances; information systems; and process integration.

Lawler holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in business administration from Alabama A&M University.

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