Boeing Executive Elected into International Academy of Astronautics

Will Trafton, vice president and deputy general manager for Boeing Expendable Launch Systems, has been elected into the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), the most prestigious of all academies in the field of space. Inductions took place at the IAA meeting held Oct. 13 during World Space Congress in Houston, Texas.

IAA membership consists of individuals who have distinguished themselves in one of the fields of astronautics or one of the branches of science of fundamental importance for the exploration of space. Election to the academy is recognition of an individual's record of service and achievement, and members are leaders in space activities in their own countries.

"To be in the company of so many professionals who have made significant contributions to the development of astronautics is an honor for me," Trafton said. "IAA is a key participant in international endeavors and cooperation for the advancement of aerospace science and I'm pleased to be a part of it." Trafton is responsible for commercial sales and marketing of the Delta launch vehicle programs, including Delta II, Delta III and Delta IV, and The Sea Launch Company.

Expendable Launch Systems is a launch service provider of The Boeing Company [NYSE:BA] Integrated Defense Systems, one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a $23 billion business providing systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in launch services.
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