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Boeing today announced that Michael S. Lewis has joined its Air Traffic Management (ATM) business unit to lead the Global Communication, Navigation and Surveillance System (GCNSS) program.

As program director, Lewis will be responsible for fulfilling all commitments associated with the GCNSS contract. The program, funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration with matching funds provided by Boeing, involves exploring and developing next-generation communications, navigation and surveillance (CNS) concepts. In addition, the GCNSS team is evaluating the feasibility of integrating emerging security- and capacity-enhancing technologies into the current U.S. National Airspace System.

"We're very excited to have Mike on our team," said John Hayhurst, ATM president. "He has distinguished himself in the aviation community through his recently completed service with the Commission on the Future of the U.S. Aerospace Industry and through his previous success at NASA in implementing research for real-world results."

Prior to coming to Boeing, Lewis was a technology staff lead for the Aerospace Commission. He drafted sections of the commission's report to the President and Congress, focusing on recommended improvements to the nation's air transportation system and on key aerospace issues.

Previous to this, he held positions of increasing responsibility with NASA, serving as director of the Aviation Safety Program at the Langley Research Center. Before that, he was program manager for flight deck systems in the High Speed Research Program.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Princeton and a Master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford University.

Lewis replaces Katy Fleming, who is taking an education leave. He will be based at the ATM office in McLean, Va.

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