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The Boeing Company [NYSE:BA] will continue to boost NASA scientific missions into space through at least 2009 under a launch service order awarded to Boeing Launch Services (BLS), Inc., for as many as 19 Delta II launch vehicles to support NASA and NASA-sponsored missions.

The procurement, an extension of the existing NASA Launch Services contract with BLS, calls for 12 firm launch service orders with options for seven additional launches to support Earth observing and interplanetary exploration missions.

"The Delta II continues its role as the most reliable launch system in its class," said Will Trafton, president of Boeing Launch Services, Inc. "Being chosen to support NASA's pursuit of exploring our universe and improving life here on Earth is truly an honor for our company."

The launch services are scheduled to begin in 2006 and are manifested through 2009. If all options are exercised, the contract could be worth as much as \$1.2 billion.

"We are proud that NASA continues to show their confidence in us by selecting Delta II for their scientific missions," said Jay Witzling, vice president and Delta deputy program manager.

The Delta II is a medium-lift capacity launch vehicle with a 98 percent mission success record over 103 launches for the U.S. government, civilian, and commercial launch customers.

Boeing Launch Services, Inc., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company.

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