Boeing names new director of Legislative Affairs for Commercial Airplanes in Washington, D.C.

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced that James (Jim) W. Coon has been named director of Legislative Affairs, Commercial Airplanes, for Boeing Washington, D.C. Operations. Coon, 43, joins Boeing from the Air Transport Association (ATA) in Washington, D.C., where he worked as director of Government Affairs. Effective this week, he reports to Mike Matton, vice president of Legislative Affairs for Washington, D.C. Operations.

" We're delighted to welcome Jim, who has worked on aviation issues for a number of years," said Rudy deLeon, senior vice president of Washington, D.C. Operations. "His expertise and reputation as a knowledgeable and effective representative of aviation issues will be an asset to our company, and he will be an excellent addition to our Boeing Legislative Affairs team."

Coon spent 16 years on Capitol Hill, including serving as a professional staff member for the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for then Chairman John Duncan (R-TN). Prior to his service with Duncan, he was a legislative assistant for Rep. Robert Smith (R-OR).

Coon earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1982. He also served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1990 through 2001.

The Boeing Company is the largest aerospace company in the world and is the United States' leading exporter. It is NASA's largest contractor and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners, satellites and military aircraft. The company's capabilities in aerospace also include rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, rocket engines, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems. Boeing has an extensive global reach with customers in 145 countries. Total company revenues for 2002 were $54 billion.

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