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Alan Mulally, executive vice president of The Boeing Company and president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, today begins a one-year term as president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The start of Mulally's term was marked by an AIAA board of directors meeting in Seattle.

"The AIAA is a critical contributor to our aerospace industry," Mulally said. "I look forward to continuing its leadership on engineering and science issues for the industry. The AIAA's work is particularly significant as we progress through these unprecedented and challenging times."

As AIAA president, Mulally will serve as chairman of the board of directors, which is responsible for oversight of the organization's activities. Previously, Mulally served as chairman of the AIAA's Institute Development Committee.

As president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Mulally is responsible for all of the company's commercial airplane programs and related services. Additionally, Mulally is the senior executive for The Boeing Company in the Pacific Northwest region and a member of the Boeing Strategy and Executive Councils.

Although founded and based in the United States, AIAA is a global organization with nearly 30,000 individual professional members, more than 50 corporate members, thousands of customers worldwide and an active international outreach. AIAA is the U.S. representative on the International Astronautical Federation and the International Council on the Aeronautical Sciences.

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