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Boeing [NYSE: BA] conducted an ethics refresher course today for all 75,000 employees of its Integrated Defense Systems business unit. Work stopped as IDS employees around the world -- from interns to vice presidents to the business unit's CEO -- took part in a four-hour course, emphasizing the company's commitment to the highest of ethical standards and integrity. Members of Boeing's Phantom Works, Shared Services Group and the entire Boeing Washington DC Operations staff participated in the course as well.

Today's training included personal learning assessments and briefings on acquiring and using third party information; proprietary information; and case histories. The training objectives included enhancing employees' awareness and understanding of Boeing's ethics policies, and reinforcing the high value Boeing places on its reputation and the collective integrity of its people and businesses. Today's activities were intended to reinforce the role each employee plays in the operation of the company. Ethics training is not a new practice for Boeing employees. Each year, the company strives for 100 percent participation in annual ethics training program.

A unit of The Boeing Company, Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$25 billion business. It provides 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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