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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] announced today that His Royal Highness (HRH), The Duke of York, The Prince Andrew will visit the company's Leadership Center in St. Louis on October 23. The visit is part of the Duke's role as Special Representative for International Trade and Investment supporting United Kingdom (UK) companies trading internationally and encouraging foreign investment.

At the Leadership Center, Prince Andrew will launch a trade program, organized by Boeing Integrated Defense Systems and the British Consulate, to promote increased business with UK engineering companies. The United Kingdom, Boeing's largest source for aerospace goods and services outside of the United States, is a strategically important market.

"We are pleased the Leadership Center is hosting an event that's helping Boeing build bridges and stronger bonds with its valued partners in strategic markets," said Laurette Koellner, executive vice president, Office of the Chairman, and chief people and administration officer. "We look forward to having [HRH] Prince Andrew at the Center."

While in St. Louis, the Duke will also meet with Missouri Governor Holden, visit GKN Aerospace Services, Missouri Botanical Gardens and Enterprise Rent-A-Car. In addition, he will attend a gala dinner hosted by the St. Louis English-Speaking Union, an educational and cultural organization, as well as attend a trade and investment luncheon organized by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association.

The Duke of York is the second son and third child of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Andrew joined the Royal Navy in 1979 and after a decorated career has taken up his new role in international trade and investment.

Since the Boeing Leadership Center opened its doors in 1999, 15,000 participants have graduated from the Center's 30 programs. The Leadership Center operates as a crossroads for the company, bringing Boeing leaders together to learn new concepts, develop skills, strengthen relationships, and share ideas. This year the Center embarked on a new initiative, Valued Partners in Programs, which involves designating more space in Center programs for increased participation by Boeing's customers, suppliers and partners.

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