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When Alan Drysdale traveled to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend the International Conference on Environmental Systems, he thought it was just another technical conference. But this 24-year Boeing [NYSE:BA] veteran was about to be surprised by his long-time international colleagues who presented him with a coveted Award for Technical Excellence.

The Award for Technical Excellence recognizes an industry executive for outstanding contributions to the field of thermal control, environmental control, life support and extravehicular activity.

"We are all very proud of Alan receiving this award," said Bruce Melnick, vice president, Florida Operations for Boeing. "It again demonstrates the diversity of talent and expertise we have at Florida Operations and validates that we can provide end to end capabilities for all launch and space operations."

"It was great to get something like this from my peers," said Drysdale. "I was totally surprised by the honor."

Drysdale has a long list of scientific and technical accomplishments to his credit. He is an internationally recognized expert in advanced life support systems analysis, has published more than 100 scientific and technical papers, and is a recipient of the NASA Silver Snoopy award.

As an employee of Boeing at its Florida Operations, Drysdale is currently responsible for management and technical direction of Boeing KSC life sciences activities and life support analysis for long duration human missions, including computer modeling and control system development.

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