NASA Bestows Public Service Honors To Three Boeing Employees

Prestigious NASA Public Service Medals were presented to three Boeing [NYSE: BA] employees at the 2003 Honor Awards Ceremony held August 7 at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Presented by new Center Director Jim Kennedy and his predecessor Roy Bridges, the awards recognize both government and contractor employees for their unique contributions to the space agency. Less than 1 percent of the NASA contractor population receives this coveted award. Boeing recipients are:

Jim Chilton, CAPPS Mission Management & Utilization director, received the award for "exceptional leadership" in a successful bid to win NASA's Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services Contract (CAPPS) in 2002.

Debbie Melvin, a Supplier Diversity administrator, recognized for "exceptional leadership to increase the level of small business participation in NASA's contracts and subcontracts."

Steve Townsend, honored for "sustained standard of excellence" in Boeing's leadership role in the construction of the International Space Station.

"These three individuals demonstrate excellence in their jobs every day," said Bruce Melnick, vice president of Boeing Florida Operations. "They set a great example for others to follow and deserve to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication."

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