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Boeing [NYSE: BA] today named Senior Vice President James M. Jamieson as its chief technology officer, responsible for shaping the strategic technology vision of the world's leading aerospace company. Jamieson, 55, is a 27-year veteran of the company and most recently has been the senior vice president of airplane programs for Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Seattle, Wash.

"Jim's background in engineering design and production, along with his experience applying technology in our products and systems, will add new insight and dimension to Boeing's strategic technology initiatives," said Boeing Chairman and CEO Phil Condit.

Jamieson will relocate to Boeing's Chicago world headquarters and report directly to Condit. He will also serve on the company's Strategy Council and Executive Council. As the chief technology officer, he will provide executive oversight to technology initiatives occurring in Phantom Works, the advanced research and development unit of the company; Boeing Ventures, an innovation incubator for employees' ideas; the Intellectual Property Business, which promotes new applications for Boeing technologies; and External Technical Affiliations, which fosters relationships with universities and professional engineering organizations.

Jamieson is replacing David O. Swain, who in July was named chief operating officer for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems.

As senior vice president of airplane programs, Jamieson was responsible for overseeing the design and production of all Boeing commercial airplanes. He has been credited with leading an innovative restructuring of the company's production systems, including the implementation of the first and only moving assembly lines in the commercial airplane industry. Prior to that he led Boeing's single aisle airplane programs, served as general manager of the 737/757 programs, and headed aircraft systems and interiors.

Jamieson joined Boeing in 1973 after earning a B.S. in science and humanities from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where in 1978 he also earned an M.S. in chemical engineering. He currently lives in Seattle, Wash., with his wife; they have three grown children.

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