Boeing Team Selected to Continue Softcopy Search Image Analysis Program

Boeing [NYSE:BA], a major developer of integrated intelligence solutions, leads an industry team that has moved forward to the final systems development phase of the Softcopy Search program managed by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

The Softcopy Search program objective is to demonstrate a technology solution that can be used to efficiently search and manage national and commercial digital imagery collected from wide geographic areas. Using digital, computer-based softcopy image search tools, NGA and other government intelligence agencies will be able to more easily manage, use and deliver digital imagery in support of national security.

The team completed the second development phase called Spiral 2 in February 2004 and now advances to the final stage, Spiral 3, which continues through June 2004.

In the Spiral 3 development, the Boeing team is demonstrating an integrated solution that combines proven data management software products with off-the-shelf integration and imagery analysis tools.

The Boeing team is comprised of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems, Springfield, Va.; Sensor Systems Inc., Sterling, Va.; and PAR Government Systems Corp., Rome, N.Y.

"The program will deploy a modern system to perform broad area searches using advanced exploitation tools," said John Werle, general manager of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems Mission Systems. "This program confirms Boeing is a major provider of integrated intelligence solutions in support of national security."

Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, IDS is a $27 billion business. It provides systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support; 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 satellite launch services.

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