Senator Bond, Boeing Announce the Hiring of an Additional 800 People in St. Louis

Standing in front of a U.S. Air Force F-15E and a Republic of Korea Air Force F-15K today, Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo) and Boeing [NYSE:BA] Integrated Defense Systems CEO Jim Albaugh announced the Company was moving to quickly fill another 250 open positions in St. Louis by the end of the year.

"Eighteen months ago I committed to Senator Bond that we would grow employment in St. Louis by 1,000 people within five years," Albaugh said. "To date we have added over 1,500 to our payroll. The growth we've seen is a direct result of the strong political support of the Missouri delegation led by Sen. Bond, a strong partnership with the local Union leaders like Rick Smith and Steve McDerman, and the hard work of our team here, who has made being on time and on budget a hallmark of Boeing military aircraft and weapons programs.

"The strength of these partnerships is allowing us to grow our business, and is the reason we located the headquarters of Integrated Defense Systems and the Army's Future Combat Systems program here," Albaugh said. "For 65 years the men and women of this community have built the world's best fighter and attack aircraft. While we stand in front of the dominant strike aircraft of today, other members of our team are hard at work on the future by transforming aerial warfare as they build the unmanned X-45."

The comments were made while Bond and Albaugh were congratulating employees on sustainment of the F-15 line. In July, the senator secured an additional $110 million for advanced procurement of two additional F-15 aircraft.

"It is the dedication and skill of the Boeing employees in St. Louis that made the most recent F-15 procurement possible," Bond said. "Your individual efforts, taken as a whole, directly support our warfighters and enhance their chances of returning safely to their loved ones. All of you can take tremendous pride in knowing that."

Albaugh also talked about the immediate need to fill hundreds of positions in the community. "Today we are moving quickly to fill 250 positions here in St. Louis," he said. "Over the next 18 months we will add a total of 800 jobs, that's in addition to 1,500 jobs we've added to date."

The Company will host an accelerated-hiring event on Friday, August 20, at the St. Louis Airport Marriott. The Company expects to conduct an estimated 300 interviews to fill a wide range of openings, primarily in technical and engineering fields, such as avionics, electrical, mechanical, software, structures and systems. Many of the jobs require a security clearance or the ability to obtain a clearance.

The interviews will be held on a pre-scheduled and walk-in basis. Hiring managers and recruiters from St. Louis and other parts of Boeing will be on hand at the event, and ready to make contingent employment offers on the spot.

Walk-in candidates are welcome to attend from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Louis Airport Marriott at I-70 at Lambert Airport.

Job seekers are also encouraged to go here to complete a job profile and submit a resume online.

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis , Boeing Integrated Defense Systems 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; 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 launch services.

Details on Boeing Interview Event

WHEN:

Friday, August 20 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for walk-in candidates

WHERE:

St. Louis Airport Marriott I-70 at Lambert Airport St. Louis , MO 63134

BRING:

Current resumé on CD or disk

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