

Boeing Huntsville Site Awarded Level 4 CMMI Rating

The Boeing [NYSE:BA] Huntsville, Ala., facility achieved this week CMMI capability maturity level 4, an exemplary rating established by the nationally recognized Software Engineering Institute.

Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) is an industry-recognized set of process areas that covers best practices addressing the development and maintenance of products and services for the product life cycle. A CMMI appraisal provides insight into a company's ability to execute on proposed projects, thereby reducing risk and required oversight by the customer.

The Huntsville site achieved the rating in four CMMI disciplines: systems engineering, software engineering, integrated product and process development and supplier selection management process.

"Achieving Level 4 across the four disciplines of the CMMI model shows our commitment to every day excellence, and provides confidence to our customers that we will deliver on our promises," said Peri Widener, Boeing's senior executive, Integrated Defense Systems in Alabama. "For Huntsville, this achievement is significant because the site is host to multiple business units within IDS and serves a wide variety of government defense and space customers."

The appraisal, conducted by Assess-IT, Inc, evaluated an array of critical programs located at the site. Compliance required validation of generic and specific goals/practices utilized by the programs. The site plans to pursue CMMI level 5 next year.

The Boeing Company is the largest aerospace company in Alabama. Today, the workforce of nearly 3,300 employees perform leading edge work on a broad array of key space and defense programs including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, International Space Station, Delta Launch Vehicles, Avenger, Arrow and PAC-3 Missile.

"This accomplishment clearly demonstrates to our customers that our employees and our site are committed to excellence and ensuring quality in all that we do," said Dan Allison, director of Quality at Boeing Huntsville.

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