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Boeing [NYSE:BA] Mission Systems operation in Springfield, Va. has attained Maturity Level 3 for its systems and software engineering processes, as defined by the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) standards.

"Attaining the CMMI Level 3 rating is a tremendous achievement for our organization, reflecting our successful shift from primarily a software development group to a mature systems engineering organization," said John Werle, general manager of Space & Intelligence Systems Mission Systems for Boeing. The group had already achieved an SEI CMMI Level 3 rating for its software engineering processes.

The Process Company, LLC completed the appraisal at Boeing's Mission Systems operations in accordance with the SEI's review framework using systems engineering and software CMMI standards.

"We have seen a major cultural shift in this organization," said Andy Felschow, lead assessor for The Process Company. "Substantial benefits are being realized with a disciplined process environment. Now there is a culture of ownership, excitement and commitment at all levels of the team."

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