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Boeing [NYSE: BA] is strengthening its position as a leading provider of network-centric operational (NCO) solutions by realigning its Strategic Architecture unit. The reorganization will build upon the established success of the unit and improve customer support by better leveraging advances in NCO technology across the enterprise.

"The Strategic Architecture team under Carl O'Berry has done a tremendous job creating and evolving architectural tools that will enable Boeing systems and platforms to operate on a global network," said Jim Albaugh, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems CEO and president. "Realignment is the logical next step allowing us to seamlessly integrate the architectures, tools and products developed by Strategic Architecture into our system-of-systems engineering process."

As part of the reorganization, the Boeing Integration Centers (BIC) in California and Virginia, and the Virtual Warfare Center in St. Louis, will be managed by Integrated Defense Systems' Analysis, Modeling and Simulation organization under Vice President Guy Higgins. Strategic Architecture's engineering and NCO program support groups will be integrated into the Company's Phantom Works' Integrated Defense Advanced Systems (IDeAS) organization.

"The reorganization strengthens the role of the BICs and their contribution to Boeing and its customers by bringing together Boeing's entire network of NCO-enabling modeling, simulation and analysis capabilities," said Albaugh. "We will be able to better coordinate and leverage these capabilities when providing solutions to our customers."

IDeAS NCO Programs and Technologies, under Vice President and Deputy General Manager Rick Baily, will be the conduit for transitioning NCO technologies to the businesses within Integrated Defense Systems and for creating and capturing new NCO programs.

Carl O'Berry, who led the Strategic Architecture group, will remain with Boeing as vice president of Network Centric Architectures, reporting into Albaugh and continuing to serve as executive chairman of the recently established NCO Industry Consortium.

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 network-centric systems solutions to its global military, government, and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; 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 and Department of Homeland Security; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in launch services.

Phantom Works is the advanced research and development unit and catalyst of innovation for the Boeing enterprise. Through its IDeAS group, it provides leading edge systems and technology solutions to the Boeing Integrated Defense Systems business unit.

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