Boeing Completes Work on Airport Security Program

Security and Efficiency Increases for Air Travelers

Boeing [NYSE:BA] announced today it has successfully completed its contract with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to enhance security while improving operational efficiencies at the nation's commercial airports.

Boeing has turned management of the program over to the TSA, with all technology and procedures solidly in place so the federal agency can seamlessly administer the program in the future.

"At the request of the federal government, Boeing undertook a very high risk program in the wake of the 9-11 terrorist attacks in June 2002," said Ron Prosser, vice president and general manager of Boeing's Integrated Defense Advanced Systems (IDeAS). "No one thought we could meet the Dec. 31, 2002 deadline imposed by Congress. Boeing assembled a world-class team made up of the best and the brightest from our company and the best of industry to produce this important national security project. We are proud to have supported our nation by helping to restore confidence of the traveling public."

Tony Swansson, Boeing's Director for airport security programs, said Boeing undertook the airport security program at enormous risk to the company but with the blessing of senior management. "We managed the program efficiently and cost effectively every step of the way and we built alliances with key stakeholders including the airlines and the 400-plus airports," Swansson said. "The seamless transition over to the TSA is a testament to the valuable working relationships we have developed during the program."

Boeing continues to invest in the homeland security market and in aviation security by providing solutions to airports and airlines to enhance security and optimize operational efficiency and passenger convenience. Boeing was instrumental in the formation of the U.S. Commercial Aviation Partnership, a public/private partnership formed to identify and evaluate impacts of security threats and solutions on the air transportation industry. The company is involved in the TSA's Registered Traveler demonstration projects and is working at Chicago 's Midway Airport on a pilot program for advanced technology and layered airport security programs.

To further strengthen its ability to respond to homeland security needs, Boeing has integrated its homeland security programs and initiatives into the Integrated Defense Advanced Systems (IDeAS) organization, which Prosser now leads. Within IDeAS, these programs and initiatives will better leverage technologies developed across the company, including the network centric operations capabilities pioneered for transformational military programs.

As an element of the Phantom Works advanced R&D unit, IDeAS is dedicated to providing leading edge systems and technology solutions to Boeing Integrated Defense Systems.

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