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Boeing [NYSE: BA] has named Darryl W. Davis the first vice president of Air Force Systems Global Strike Solutions.

The new organization, based in St. Louis, answers an emerging requirement in the Department of Defense for systems capable of projecting global power and includes Boeing's fighters, bombers, weapons and unmanned systems programs.

"This new group, led by one of our boldest leaders, has the critical task of providing the military services with a coordinated set of Global Strike solutions," said George Muellner, Boeing Air Force Systems vice president and general manager. "Simply put, Darryl Davis and his team will ensure that we offer our customers a systematic and flexible approach to meet their requirements."

Davis successfully led the Joint Unmanned Combat Air Systems (J-UCAS) X-45 program and prominently positioned Boeing in the unmanned systems arena. Prior to his unmanned systems position, he worked in engineering, business development and program management in various programs including the F/A-18, AV-8B, Joint Strike Fighter and Advanced Strike Weapons Systems.

A former Brookings Institution Congressional Fellow with the U.S. Senate, he holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Purdue University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla.

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 \$30.5 billion business. It provides network-centric system 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; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in sustainment solutions and launch services.

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