Boeing Completes Cruise Missile Test Instrumentation Kit Flight Tests

Boeing [NYSE: BA] successfully completed the first flight tests of the Conventional Air-Launched Cruise Missile (CALCM) / Air-Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM) Test Instrumentation Kit (CATIK) Aug. 7 at the Utah Test and Training Range, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

After launching the ALCM, configured with a simulated warhead, from a B-52 Stratofortress bomber, the U.S. Air Force used the CATIK to monitor in-flight missile performance and transmit the information to the flight test control center.

"We are very pleased with the success of this first flight," said John Griffith, Boeing ALCM/CALCM program manager. "The new CATIK will allow the Air Force to continue the flight test program through 2030."

ALCM is a self-guided weapon that carries a nuclear warhead. CALCM, designed in the 1990s, carries a conventional warhead. When launched, ALCM weapons fly to their targets using terrain correlation mapping, and CALCM weapons use Global Positioning System guidance. During flight tests, they fly a preprogrammed course over the range for approximately four hours.

Boeing will deliver the first production CATIK units in early 2007 under a contract worth approximately $38 million.

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 $30.8 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; a foremost developer of advanced concepts and technologies; 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.
###

For further information:
Marguerite Ozburn
Boeing Global Strike Systems
office: (314) 306-0630
marguerite.a.ozburn@boeing.com