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The Boeing Company's [NYSE: BA] Space and Intelligence Systems (S&IS) division, headquartered in Seal Beach, Calif., has received a California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE™) Gold Level award. S&IS joins only three other companies in the large manufacturing business category to receive a Gold Level award in the program's history.

The award, sponsored by the California Council for Excellence, recognizes outstanding continuous improvement efforts in U.S. organizations and is based on the Baldrige National Quality Program criteria for performance excellence.

"This award is significant because it demonstrates to our customers and others that we have established an integrated team approach to continuous improvement over time," said Howard Chambers, S&IS vice president and general manager. "S&IS is comprised of several organizations obtained through mergers and acquisitions, and we've made it a priority to merge processes and procedures in order to improve competitiveness and leverage lean manufacturing, six sigma and other initiatives. The Gold award validates that we are on the right path toward overall business excellence and symbolizes our commitment to flawless program execution."

Boeing and other CAPE winners will receive their awards during an April reception in San Diego, Calif.

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