Boeing Awarded Common Range Integrated Instrumentation System Contract

ST. LOUIS, May 27, 2008 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Air Force to deliver the first phase of the next-generation Department of Defense range-upgrade program, the Common Range Integrated Instrumentation System (CRIIS). Designed to improve accuracy, security, and data link features, CRIIS will set a new standard for test ranges.

"The Boeing CRIIS team was able to provide an innovative, winning solution that will help ensure the success of the program," said Perry Karraker, manager of Joint and Live Training for Training Systems and Services, a division of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems Support Systems. "This best-of-industry solution will allow warfighters to test and potentially train on aircraft and weapon systems at accuracies and with capabilities never before reached."

CRIIS will replace the Advanced Range Data System developed in the 1980s and bring newfound capabilities to testing equipment in various configurations and sizes for aircraft, ships, land vehicles and ground personnel. Its open-system architecture will provide flexibility for future growth while lowering integration risks.

Phase One of the program consists of a two-year technology demonstration/risk reduction to mature and demonstrate technology, culminating in a downselect to a single prime contractor. Phase Two is expected to begin in spring 2010.

Boeing's work will leverage capabilities from across the entire company, as well as an industry team including L-3 Com Interstate Electronics Corp., L-3 Com Nova, L-3 Com Telemetry West and Geodetics Inc.

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