Boeing Recognized as NASA's Large Business Contractor of the Year

TITUSVILLE, Fla., Sept. 16, 2008 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has been recognized by NASA as the Kennedy Space Center's 2008 Large Business Contractor of the Year for providing quality service and support on the Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) program. NASA said Boeing was recognized for the company's effort to include small businesses in the program and for effective community outreach.

Boeing works closely with its small-business partners to provide NASA with innovation and best-of-industry solutions to support its mission while managing costs through proven processes.

"Boeing's partnership with NASA at the space center ensures mission success in support of America's space programs," said Mark Jager, Boeing CAPPS program manager. "This partnership is strengthened by the contributions of our small-business teammates and our commitment to the local community."

As the prime contractor for NASA's CAPPS contract, Boeing provides payload processing services for the International Space Station, space shuttle and expendable launch vehicles. Boeing employees and teammates have successfully processed every major payload flown on the space shuttle -- work that began with Columbia's first flight in April 1981.

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