Boeing Receives NASA's George M. Low Award for Quality and Performance

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla., Feb. 26, 2009 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], through its Space Exploration division and Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) program, on Feb. 25 received the George M. Low Award, NASA's premier quality and performance honor. The award recognizes large and small businesses that demonstrate excellence and outstanding technical and managerial achievements on NASA-related contracts.

"We are honored to receive this award from NASA in recognition of our team's performance and commitment to making business process improvements," said Mark Jager, CAPPS program manager for Boeing. "We are working at all levels to improve program quality, cost and timetables in support of NASA's mission."

The CAPPS program provides high-quality ground processing services to ensure payloads perform flawlessly in space. The strong performance of this program is demonstrated by the outstanding on-orbit performance of the International Space Station (ISS), on-time delivery rate of major payload elements, and consistently excellent performance ratings from NASA.

Boeing has processed every major payload flown on space shuttle missions since the beginning of the program, including multimillion-dollar satellites, interplanetary spacecraft, experiment modules and ISS elements.

The George M. Low Award program honors Low's career and achievements in space science, aeronautics, technology and education. As part of the U.S. space program, Low provided management and direction for the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and advanced manned missions programs.

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