Boeing to Spotlight Advanced Capabilities at National Space Symposium

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 24, 2009 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] will spotlight its satellite programs, missile defense systems, human spaceflight programs, operationally responsive space systems and network-centric capabilities at the Space Foundation's 25th National Space Symposium. The annual event will take place March 30 to April 2 in Colorado Springs.

"In partnership with our military, civil government and commercial customers, we're advancing U.S. leadership in space with network-based solutions that can dramatically increase mission effectiveness," said Roger Krone, president of the Network and Space Systems business unit of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. "Our presence at the Space Symposium highlights the vital role our core aerospace engineering and manufacturing expertise plays in delivering system solutions, both in space and around the world."

The Boeing exhibit will feature demonstrations of the company's support for NASA's Constellation programs, including the Ares I crew launch vehicle, satellite operations and ground control systems. The exhibit also contains interactive displays of the Wideband Global SATCOM system, the Airborne Laser program and space hardware that is advancing the architecture and application of small satellites.

Boeing executives will participate in two panel discussions at the conference: Joy Bryant, vice president and program manager of the International Space Station Program, speaks on an international panel at 2:30 p.m. local time on April 1; Krone speaks on a senior industry leader panel at 10:45 a.m. on April 2.

Boeing plans a series of news briefings on key programs and issues. Interested reporters are asked to confirm their attendance at each of these events with the contacts listed below no later than Friday, March 27. All times listed below are local to Colorado Springs, which observes Mountain Daylight Time.

TUESDAY, March 31 -- the Broadmoor Hotel

7:15 a.m. MDT
Breakfast Briefing: Overview of Boeing Human Spaceflight Programs
Brewster Shaw, a former NASA astronaut and vice president and general manager of Boeing Space Exploration, is joined by human spaceflight program leaders who oversee the company's contributions to the International Space Station, Space Shuttle and Ares rocket programs.

10:45 a.m. MDT
Space Based Space Surveillance System
Todd Citron, director of Space Superiority and Special Missions, and Fred Doyle, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. vice president and general manager for National Defense, provide an update on the development and upcoming launch of the U.S. Air Force Space Based Space Surveillance System satellite project. SBSS will consist of a constellation of satellites that can detect and track orbiting space objects, including orbital debris and potential threats to the United States' space assets.

WEDNESDAY, April 1 -- the Broadmoor Hotel

10 a.m. MDT
Military Communication Satellites
Craig Cooning, vice president and general manager of Space and Intelligence Systems, provides an update on military satellite programs including the Wideband Global SATCOM system and the Global Positioning System.

1:30 p.m. MDT
Operationally Responsive Space
Alex Lopez, vice president of Advanced Network and Space Systems, briefs reporters on Boeing's work on the X-51A WaveRider. He will also discuss Boeing's accomplishments on Operationally Responsive Space-related activities, including NanoSats, High Integrity Global Positioning System, Plug-n-Play spacecraft and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Fast Access Spacecraft Testbed program.

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