Boeing Team Delivers Recommendations on Fires Center of Excellence Integration to US Army

ST. LOUIS, April 14, 2009 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and teammate Creative Technologies Inc. (CTI) have given the U.S. Army the team's final report in support of the new Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Okla. The report contains a five-year training strategy, an organization structure, and a "road map" for supporting technology.

The new center is a consolidation of the Army's Air Defense Artillery Center and School at Fort Bliss, Texas, with the Field Artillery Center and School at Fort Sill, following the 2005 Base Realignment and Closures Commission's recommendation to consolidate several Training and Doctrine Command installations. By consolidating two functionally related Branch Centers and schools at Fort Sill, the new Fires Center of Excellence will foster consistency, standardization, training proficiency, and task force stabilization for both branches in doctrine development and institutional training. It will bring Air Defense Artillery and Field Artillery courses, firepower training and doctrine development to one location.

"The Boeing and CTI team, which consisted of very experienced military and civilian training professionals, worked diligently to provide a thorough report, "said Mark McGraw, Boeing vice president, Training Systems & Services. "These recommendations will help the Army improve ground forces training around the world."

James Korris, president and CEO of Creative Technologies, added, "The study allowed us to deepen our knowledge of the customer while expanding our relationship with Boeing, our strategic partner in this market."

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