Boeing Selects Engineering Professors for 2009 Fellowship Program

CHICAGO, April 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Boeing Company today announced the nine engineering professors who will spend eight weeks this summer learning about key research and technology programs and sharing their perspectives as part of the company's Welliver Faculty Fellowship Program.

"As one of the largest global aerospace companies, Boeing places a high value on the engineering and technical skills required to grow and sustain our business," said Dale Ramezani, the company's director of university relations. "We offer this program because these professors are educating our future workforce, helping students develop the skills they need to be successful in engineering, business, and manufacturing and technology careers."

The participants in the 2009 program, which begins June 15, are:

Professor	Specialty	University
George Comber	Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering Technology	Weber State University, Ogden, Utah
M. Javed Khan	Aerospace Science Engineering	Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.
Daniel Kirk	Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering	Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.
Blaine Lilly	Mechanical Systems Engineering	The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Deidre Paris Michael	Electrical Engineering	Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.
Sridhar Santhanam	Mechanical Engineering	Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.
Howard Smith	Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering	Cranfield University, Cranfield, Bedfordshire, UK
Tein-Min Tan	Mechanical Engineering and Mechanics	Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa.
Kenneth Van Treuren	Mechanical Engineering	Baylor University, Waco, Texas

The professors will shadow Boeing personnel to get a closer look at the company's technical and business programs. The professors are also expected to share their expertise by suggesting how Boeing could improve the areas they observe. They will have access to Boeing senior executives and the opportunity to build contacts within the company. During the last week of the program, they will present their findings to Boeing executives and other leaders during meetings at the company's Leadership Center in St. Louis.

Approximately 150 university professors have participated in this program since it was established in 1995. Interest has come from schools in China, the Congo, France, the United Kingdom, India, Australia and Poland, as well as the U.S.

The program is named for the late A.D. "Bert" Welliver, who was a Boeing senior vice president of engineering and technology. Welliver was recognized throughout the aerospace industry for his vision and leadership in promoting a close working relationship between industry and academia.

About Boeing: Boeing is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined. Headquartered in Chicago, Boeing employs more than 160,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries. This represents one of the most diverse, talented and innovative workforces anywhere. More than 83,000 of our people hold college degrees - including nearly 29,000 advanced degrees - in virtually every business and technical field from approximately 2,800 colleges and universities worldwide.

For additional information, go to: http://www.boeing.com/educationrelations/facultyfellowship/.

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