# Boeing and UAW Local 1069 Begin Contract Talks

**RIDLEY TOWNSHIP, Pa., Sept. 15, 2009** -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] and the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, United Aerospace Workers (UAW) Local 1069 today began formal negotiations for a new contract covering the 1,789 UAW-represented employees at the Boeing Rotorcraft Systems facility near Philadelphia. Informal negotiations, including sub-committee meetings, have been ongoing since mid-August.

The main-table negotiations between Boeing and UAW Local 1069 representatives will seek to establish a new agreement before the current four-year contract expires on Oct. 1.

"Boeing is looking forward to an open, honest and collaborative negotiation process," said Obie Jones, Boeing Philadelphia site leader and Rotorcraft director of Operations. "We'll listen to what the union proposes and share the company's perspective in turn. In the end, I know Boeing will present a fair, attractive offer that ensures a successful future for the Boeing Philadelphia site and its work force."

With more than 5,200 employees, the Philadelphia site is Boeing's Rotorcraft Systems division headquarters and the manufacturing center for the CH-47 Chinook tandem-rotor helicopter and the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft. More than 11,000 current and retired Boeing employees reside in the Philadelphia region, and the company spends more than $364 million annually on goods and services from 830 companies across Pennsylvania.

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