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**KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla., Oct. 30, 2009**-- The Boeing Company today issued the following statement regarding work force reductions on the Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) program:

"In response to the planned space shuttle program retirement and the final International Space Station elements being launched, The Boeing Company has announced to employees working on the Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services program that work force reductions will take place in 2010. It is important to The Boeing Company to keep its employees informed of business decisions.

"Based on what we know today, Boeing is planning to issue layoff notices to approximately 330 workers next year. The first of these 60-day notices will be issued on Jan. 15, followed by one in May and the final one in August.

"Boeing is committed to preserving as many jobs as possible for our valued, highly skilled employees, and the company has taken aggressive steps to lessen the impact of these potential reductions. These steps include redeploying CAPPS personnel to other programs, evaluating contract labor requirements, and offering career services and related assistance.

"Boeing thanks its elected officials and community leaders for their support of NASA and the CAPPS program -- a critical component of ensuring the safety and mission success of the remaining shuttle flights and a vital part of the future of Ares and other Constellation programs."

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