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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15, 2010 -- A team led by Boeing [NYSE: BA] has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Air Force to provide aircrew and maintenance training support for the service's C-17 Globemaster III fleet under the new C-17 Training System contract. Boeing Training Systems & Services has delivered C-17 aircrew training to the Air Force for the past 18 years.

The team draws on the experience and strengths of Boeing, FlightSafety Services Corp., FlightSafety International, Delaware Resource Group, Safety Training Systems, and CymSTAR. Boeing's five program leaders have more than 78 years of combined experience delivering C-17 training.

"As the incumbent prime contractor for C-17 aircrew training, we have consistently delivered guaranteed students to the Air Force for nearly two decades," said Mark McGraw, Boeing vice president of Training Systems & Services. "And our Training System team has ensured that the service's C-17 training devices are available for training more than 99 percent of the time."

The new C-17 Training System contract consolidates the contract for aircrew training systems with a contract for supporting the maintenance training devices. The Boeing team's experience with both training programs will ensure a seamless transition to a single, integrated support program. The Air Force will continue to provide maintenance instruction separately from the other activities.

"FlightSafety Services is pleased to be participating with The Boeing Company as a teammate on the C-17 Training System follow-on contract," said Eric Hinson, executive vice president, FlightSafety International. "FlightSafety has a 20-year history of producing successful C-17 training simulators and a long-standing relationship with both Boeing and the Air Force. We stand ready to work with Boeing and the Air Force on this important program."

The cornerstone of the Boeing team's ongoing success in C-17 training is its highly qualified instructors and support personnel. The same personnel will continue to instruct aircrews and support the training systems for the C-17 Training System contract.

"The Boeing team has submitted an innovative proposal to the Air Force that will continue to provide the outstanding training the customer deserves while offering significantly lower costs through greater efficiency," said McGraw. "The Air Force can have complete confidence in our ability to meet their C-17 training needs."

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