Boeing Names New F/A-18 and EA-18 Programs Vice President

ST. LOUIS, June 16, 2010 – Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announced that Kory Mathews will serve as program vice president of F/A-18 and EA-18 Programs within Boeing's Global Strike Systems division.

Mathews succeeds Bob Gower, who has been named vice president, Boeing Military Aircraft (BMA) India.

In this position, Mathews is responsible for customer satisfaction and the quality, cost, and schedule performance of every facet of the F/A-18 family of strike fighters, including the F/A-18A/B/C/D/E/F and the EA-18G. Mathews leads all activities associated with program development, production, and support for the F/A-18 and EA-18 aircraft systems and all related elements of these programs.

Prior to this assignment, Mathews served as vice president and chief engineer for BMA, responsible for the engineering integrity of BMA products.

During Mathews' 26-year career with Boeing, he has held positions of increasing responsibility, including program manager and director roles in Advanced Systems (now Phantom Works); deputy program manager in Boeing's Integrated Defense Advanced Systems; chief system architect for Boeing Unmanned Systems; and director of F/A-18 Strategy and Program Integration. Mathews also held positions on Boeing's Joint Strike Fighter program that included definition and configuration management of the Joint Strike Fighter avionics preferred weapon system concept, and engineering, manufacturing and development planning for mission systems.

Mathews holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and an executive master's degree in business administration from Washington University's Olin Business School. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Center of Creative Arts in St. Louis.

"Kory's diverse experience within Boeing, including on the F/A-18 program, will enable him to provide outstanding leadership for the F/A-18E/F and E/A-18G programs," said Shelley Lavender, vice president and general manager, Boeing Global Strike Systems. "Both the Super Hornet and Growler continue to provide increased capability for American warfighters around the globe, each day -- on-budget and on-schedule -- and Kory's leadership will ensure that this capability will continue to be there for those who serve the United States."

The Boeing Super Hornet is a multirole aircraft, able to perform virtually every mission in the tactical spectrum, including air superiority, day/night strike with precision-guided weapons, fighter escort, close air support, suppression of enemy air defenses, maritime strike, reconnaissance, forward air control and tanker missions. Boeing has delivered more than 430 F/A-18E/Fs to the U.S. Navy. Every Super Hornet produced has been delivered on or ahead of schedule and on budget.

The EA-18G Growler incorporates a highly flexible design that enables warfighters to perform an array of Airborne Electronic Attack missions, operating either from the deck of an aircraft carrier or from land-based fields. It is the only airborne platform that delivers full-spectrum electronic attack capability, along with targeting and self-defense capabilities derived from the Navy's frontline strike fighter, the F/A-18E/F Block II Super Hornet.

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