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SEATTLE, Aug. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) has named Laura J. Peterson vice president for State & Local Government Operations in the Northwest region.

She will lead the team responsible for Boeing's political and government activities in the region, which includes Washington and Oregon.

Peterson most recently served as vice president for Business Development and Global Strategy, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. In her new position she will report to Jim Albaugh, Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and chief executive officer; and to George Roman, Boeing vice president for State & Local Government Operations in the United States.

Ensuring long-term prosperity for state and U.S. aerospace sectors, amid competitive pressures and a recovering economy requires strong relationships and stable leadership.

"Laura's knowledge of the business, combined with her strategic mindset and ability to build relationships, makes her the right leader for this important role," Albaugh said. "Her wide range of experience will bring additional dimension and understanding to how we work with government leaders and policymakers on issues and legislation that impact Boeing business."

Peterson rounds out Boeing's Northwest region Government Operations team, joining directors Bill McSherry and Susan Champlain. She also will work closely with the company's director for Global Corporate Citizenship in the region, Liz Warman. Both teams will be headquartered in Seattle.

She succeeds Fred Kiga, who left the company earlier this year.

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