Boeing Opens New Intelligence Collaboration Center to Counter Global Threats

ARLINGTON, Va., Aug. 30, 2010 – Boeing [NYSE: BA] announced today that it has opened an intelligence collaboration and data analysis center in Northern Virginia to enable the creation and testing of new concepts to counter increasingly sophisticated, global threats to U.S. security.

The innovation center will allow Boeing's Intelligence Community customers, industry partners, and the scientific and academic communities to brainstorm, test, and field technologies designed to help prevent terrorist attacks like a passenger's attempt to detonate explosives on a U.S. airliner on Dec. 25, 2009.

"The concepts developed in this center will allow our customers and partners to apply critical technology to their missions," said Roger Krone, president of Boeing Network & Space Systems. "The investments Boeing is making in the center will provide a low-cost conduit for pushing technical solutions into the field with reduced risk and better results."

Boeing's initial $1.5 million investment in the center will support a focus on sharing and transferring information among disparate organizations, while protecting the integrity of the original data.

Among the technologies to be demonstrated in the new center are Boeing's Cross Domain Solutions. These incorporate various hardware and software products, such as the Visual Security Operations Console, DataMaster management software and eXMeritus HardwareWall.

"Boeing has been working for several years with the Intelligence Community to deploy proven, high-end computer systems to address data sharing," said Dewey Houck, director of the Mission Systems subdivision of Boeing Intelligence & Security Systems. "This new center provides a venue for group brainstorming and 'ideation' – which means using ideas generated in a collaborative environment to develop solutions that can be quickly implemented to address immediate threats."

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