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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla., Oct. 19, 2010-- Boeing [NYSE: BA] announced today that it has been named the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year by NASA for outstanding contributions to the agency's small-business program on the Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) contract at KSC. The honor is one of NASA's Small Business Industry Awards for 2010.

"Boeing's partnership with NASA at KSC helps to enable the continued success of the space program," said Mark Jager, Boeing CAPPS program manager. "Boeing is committed to helping its small-business partners succeed and grow, and we work closely with them to provide quality services to the customer and to the KSC community."

"We appreciate the efforts of companies such as Boeing that work with NASA and make significant contributions to the agency's small-business program," said Glenn Delgado, associate administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs.

As the prime contractor for NASA's CAPPS contract, Boeing provides payload processing services for the International Space Station (ISS), space shuttle and expendable launch vehicles. Boeing employees and teammates have successfully processed every major payload flown on the space shuttle. CAPPS also works with NASA's international partners to ensure the continued construction and maintenance of the ISS. Approximately 450 Boeing employees and 300 teammates work on the CAPPS contract. Boeing continues to meet and exceed performance goals for subcontracting requirements under CAPPS.

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