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CHICAGO, March 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) will receive an ENERGY STAR@ Partner of the Year award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its ongoing commitment to protecting the environment through energy efficiency.

Boeing is among 40 ENERGY STAR Partners of the Year – including 15 from the industrial category – that will be honored by the EPA during an awards ceremony on April 12 in Washington, D.C.

"Boeing's robust energy management program is a national model," said Elizabeth Craig, acting director of EPA's Office of Atmospheric Programs. "Effective energy management not only helps the bottom line, but it also is our most cost-effective climate strategy."

Boeing received the award after demonstrating an ongoing commitment to effective energy-management practices; enterprise-wide reduction in energy consumption; and employee engagement and awareness activities. The award honors Boeing for embedding energy conservation practices into all sustaining operations and using common tools, plans and performance metrics to drive improvements.

Boeing Chairman, President and CEO Jim McNerney credited employees. "This achievement is a testament to the innovation and creativity of the entire Boeing team, which simultaneously cut our energy usage, reduced our facilities' environmental footprint and drove improvements in our business performance. We are proud of our teams' efforts. This is a great honor for Boeing—one that will motivate us to keep improving our energy efficiency and reducing our environmental footprint even further."

Boeing is making measurable progress to improve the environmental performance of Boeing operations.

From 2002 through 2010, on a revenue-adjusted basis, Boeing has reduced energy consumption by 30 percent and CO2 emissions by 28 percent. On an absolute basis since 2002, Boeing has reduced energy consumption by 15 percent, which is equal to saving 2,121,643 MMBtus, or enough energy to power 54,168 average homes for a year in the United States.

Additionally, five Boeing buildings have received ENERGY STAR labels for energy efficiency improvements, including the Boeing Corporate Offices building in Chicago.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants associated with energy use. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 kinds of products as well as new homes and buildings. Last year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved \$18 billion on their utility bills and prevented greenhouse gas equivalent to those of 34 million cars. Products, homes and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR prevent emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA. For more information, go to www.energystar.gov.

Boeing has been an ENERGY STAR Industrial Partner since 1997, and this is its first Partner of the Year award since earning an award under the prior EPA Green Lights Program in 1999. For more information about environmental issues at Boeing visit http://www.boeing.com/aboutus/environment/.

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