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EL SEGUNDO, Calif., March 6, 2013-- Responding to global demand for mobile satellite communications bandwidth, Boeing [NYSE: BA] has been certified by Inmarsat to offer commercial customers a variety of capabilities -- including 3G, Voice over Internet Protocol, streaming video, direct dialing and secure communications -- through Inmarsat's Inmarsat-4 L-band service.

Boeing Commercial Satellite Services, a unit of Boeing Satellite Systems International, works with owners of active satellite systems to market available bandwidth and to include hosted payloads on spacecraft. Its technologies and expertise in government communications missions allow Boeing to tailor commercial solutions to specific customer needs.

"The demand for satellite communications continues to be greater than the supply, and Boeing continues to respond with effective, robust global coverage," said Craig Cooning, chief executive officer of Boeing Satellite Systems International. "This offering reflects the importance of providing customers with a wide range of frequency bands to fulfill their increasing need for faster mobile communications and more data usage."

Boeing linked to the Inmarsat-4 satellite fleet through Inmarsat's new Meet-Me-Point, a connection that ensures the security of customer information. The connection completed certification testing last year and is now ready for operation. Boeing is also working toward the launch of three Inmarsat-5 Global Xpress® satellites, the world's first globally available Ka-band service, which will deliver unparalleled speeds and bandwidth to customers around the world.

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