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CHICAGO, Sept. 4, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) has named Michael Cassel director of Global Corporate Citizenship for the company's corporate offices, where he will lead charitable giving efforts in the Chicago area and broader Great Lakes region.

Effective Oct. 3, Cassel will be part of a team focused on government relations, as well as community investments and volunteerism in the areas of education, the environment, health and human services, arts and culture and civic engagement. Emphasis will be placed on providing people and communities with tools and resources to ensure lasting success.

"Mike will provide us a fresh perspective that will significantly increase our ability to make a difference in the Chicago and Great Lakes communities," said Courtney Thompson, director, State & Local-Great Lakes Region, to whom Cassel will report. "His expertise and background are an excellent fit for this important position, and I look forward to his leadership on the role Boeing plays in the community."

Cassel joined Boeing in its Washington, D.C., Government Operations in 2011 as director, Strategy - Boeing Commercial Airplanes, before becoming chief of staff for the company's State & Local Government Operations team. Previously, he was deputy chief of staff at the U.S. Export-Import Bank and also served at the White House as director of White House Services within the Office of Management and Administration. Cassel also worked on President Obama's first presidential campaign and the Obama/Biden transition team. Prior to joining the campaign, Cassel practiced law in Chicago after graduating from the DePaul University College of Law.

"Having lived in Chicago, I see tremendous opportunity to align Boeing's ideals and innovation with the needs of the local area and look forward to collaborating with our partners to continue to build on our work in the community," Cassel said.

Through its Global Corporate Citizenship organization, Boeing works to build better communities worldwide by giving time, funding and expertise to improve access to globally competitive learning and skills development, foster creativity, sustain the environment and improve civic engagement. In 2013, a total of \$176 million from the company and its employees went to help improve communities across the globe. Visit the Boeing Corporate Citizenship Report for more information.

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