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To: Boeing Suppliers

From: Boeing Enterprise Quality Process Council & Supplier Management Process Council Leaders

Subject: AS/EN/JISQ 9100 Industry Controlled Other Party Mandate

The Boeing Company has been working with other global aerospace organizations and suppliers to establish a reliable and consistent process for certification and industry oversight of the Aerospace Quality Management System standard AS/EN/JISQ 9100. Boeing has been a strong advocate of this certification process as a means of demonstrating conformance to our quality system requirements.

Boeing appreciates the efforts of those suppliers who have obtained Industry Controlled Other Party (ICOP) certification. To date, more than half of Boeing's AS/EN/JISQ 9100 suppliers have achieved this certification. This letter is being written to notify the supply base of Boeing's intent that all suppliers introduce and meet the AS/EN/JISQ 9100 ICOP certification standard. Long term, Boeing intends to introduce this requirement into all future supply contracts. Supporting rationale is prescribed herein:

What?

When an AS/EN/JISQ 9100 quality system approval is a contractual requirement, Boeing will stipulate that the supplier shall achieve and maintain certification from an aerospace accredited registrar. The Boeing Company, in cooperation with other aerospace companies, has developed specific requirements for quality systems assessment certification. This process standardizes requirements and aids in the potential pooling of resources, recognizing the highly professional and effective assessment of quality systems by the aerospace industry with oversight by governmental regulatory agencies. These requirements provide for continued integrity and credibility in the registration of those quality systems.



Boeing is asking its supply base to support this initiative by maintaining existing certifications and urging suppliers who have not yet obtained certification to begin the process of planning for and achieving AS/EN/JISQ 9100 certification as soon as possible.

The standardization of quality system requirements and pooling of resources across the aerospace industry will not only benefit Boeing and our prime suppliers but will also benefit the sub tier supply base as well. Organizations (Boeing, suppliers and sub tiers) that effectively implement the AS/EN/JISQ 9100 standard will benefit through an increased focus on process performance, continuous improvement and customer satisfaction. We encourage our prime suppliers to utilize ICOP certification recognition as a means of ensuring that their sub tier suppliers have conforming quality management systems in place.

Why?

Other party recognition is part of an industry initiative to promote a standardized process and reduce redundancies and variation. Suppliers have told the industry that they want an elimination of redundant quality management system assessments. For this reason, Boeing has joined with other Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to recognize and now require certification.

Use of the ICOP certification process will eliminate the need for redundant quality system assessments. Additionally, this will enable Boeing to devote greater resources to product conformance and supplier development.

How?

The first step in the certification process is to select an accredited aerospace certification body (Registrar). Access to a listing of accredited Certification Bodies is available on the IAQG Online Aerospace Supplier Information Systems (OASIS) web site at:

http://www.sae.org/servlets/index?PORTAL_CODE=IAQG

Boeing will only recognize certificates from aerospace accredited certification bodies. Additional information regarding the Aerospace sector scheme can be found within the Aerospace standard AS/EN/JISQ 9104 "Requirements for Aerospace Quality Management System Certification/Registrations Programs".

When?

Suppliers with AS/EN/JISQ 9100 requirements contained within their contract will be expected to select an accredited aerospace certification body and transition to an ICOP certification between June 2006 and June 2007. Boeing will be sending out a follow-up letter in October 2005 with more information on the mandate. Where the supplier's existing contract with Boeing does not contain AS/EN/JISQ 9100 requirements and the contract expiration date is beyond June 2007, Boeing is, nevertheless, seeking that all such suppliers move to adopt the ICOP certification process within the June 2006 – June 2007 time frame.



We thank you for your continued support of these initiatives. *Working Together* we will implement a reliable and cost effective strategy for aerospace quality management system approval and maintenance.

Respectfully,

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