

Executive Biographies



Vice Chairman,

The Boeing Company

President and Chief Executive
Officer,

Boeing Commercial Airplanes

Ray Conner is vice chairman of The Boeing Company and president and chief executive officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. He is a member of Boeing's Executive Council and serves as Boeing's senior executive in the Pacific Northwest.

As vice chairman, Conner is responsible for jointly managing a number of Boeing-wide processes and activities designed to drive seamless One-Boeing strategies and execution across the enterprise. Conner was named to this position in December 2013.

As president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, he is responsible for delivering on a record backlog and overseeing the growth of its airplane programs and services. Boeing Commercial Airplanes accounts for more than 60 percent of Boeing's total revenues and has nearly 12,000 commercial jetliners in service worldwide, which is roughly 75 percent of the world fleet. Conner was named to this position in June 2012.

Prior to this assignment, Conner had responsibility for leading Sales, Marketing and Commercial Aviation Services for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, having been appointed to the position in August 2011.

Prior to that, Conner was vice president and general manager of Supply Chain Management and Operations for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. Appointed to the position in December 2008, he was responsible for overall leadership of Commercial Airplanes Supplier Management, Fabrication and Propulsion Systems and the Manufacturing and Quality functional organization.

For the year before that assignment, Conner was vice president of Sales for Commercial Airplanes, with responsibility for the sale of commercial airplanes and related services to airlines and leasing customers around the world.

Between February 2003 and December 2007, Conner was vice president of Sales for the Americas. As such, he was responsible for the Boeing business relationships with airline customers in North America and Latin America and for the sale of commercial

airplanes to customers in those regions.

Before that assignment, Conner was vice president and general manager of the 777 program, beginning in June 2001.

Before leading the 777 Program, Conner was vice president of Asia/Pacific Sales for Commercial Airplanes. In that role, Conner led the Asia/Pacific sales team and was responsible for maintaining Boeing's business relationships with Asia/Pacific airlines and Asian aerospace industries. He also was responsible for the operation of Boeing offices in China, Japan and Korea.

In addition, Conner served as vice president and general manager of the 747 program, overseeing a team that managed the design, development certification and production of the 747 airplane.

Before that assignment, Conner was vice president of the Propulsion Systems Division, where he led the development of propulsion systems and auxiliary power units for the entire Boeing family of commercial airplanes.

Before leading Propulsion Systems, Conner was director of Finance and Information Systems for the Materiel Division of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. There, he was responsible for developing and implementing strategies to lower costs and achieve higher productivity in the procurement of contracts from suppliers around the world. Conner also oversaw information systems support for remote site networking, electronic commerce and workstation upgrades.

Previously, Conner held various other management positions in the company, including deputy director of Major Outside Production and Program Participants, and of International Business Operations, both in the Materiel Division.

As the Boeing Commercial Airplanes sales director for Thailand, Conner led a group working with the U.S. Government on political issues affecting the company.

Conner joined the company in 1977 as a mechanic on the 727 program. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Washington University and a master's of business administration from the University of Puget Sound.

Conner is a member of the board of directors for Johnson Controls, Inc.

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