

Robert Seto and Chris Crumbly Join Ball Aerospace Ares Team

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Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. has hired two veteran aerospace industry managers to lead the company's efforts to provide integration and production support for NASA's Ares I Instrument Unit contract for the Ares I Launch Vehicle.

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Robert Seto has been named program manager for the Ball Aerospace team for the Ares Instrument Unit here. Seto brings 30 years of experience on large development programs for commercial aircraft and space transportation systems to the Ares pursuit. Seto joins Ball Aerospace from Rocketplane Kistler where he worked on NASA's Commercial Orbital Transportation System and served as vice president of engineering and, most recently, chief of staff. He also held leadership positions at Bombardier Aerospace, Bell Helicopter Textron, and Pratt & Whitney.

Seto holds a master's degree in business administration from Newman University, Wichita, Kan., and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Also joining the company is Chris Crumbly, who will serve as deputy program manager-subcontracts for the Ares pursuit. Previously, Crumbly worked at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, where he was the deputy manager of Propulsion Systems Engineering and Integration in Marshall's Shuttle Propulsion Office. He also served as chief systems engineer for NASA's Constellation Program Office, and held several key leadership roles in NASA's Space Launch Initiative and Orbital Space Plane programs.

Crumbly holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University.

Seto and Crumbly will work directly with Bill Townsend, vice president for Exploration Systems. Ball Aerospace is pursuing a contract to provide integration and production support to NASA for the Ares I Instrument Unit. The Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle will launch the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle, the system currently being designed to replace the space shuttle after its retirement in 2010.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. supports critical missions of important national agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA and other U.S. government and commercial entities. The company develops and manufactures spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components, data exploitation systems and RF solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications. Over the past 50 years, Ball Aerospace has been responsible for numerous technological and scientific 'firsts' and acts as a technology innovator for the aerospace market.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging products for beverage, food and household customers, and of aerospace and other technologies and services, primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ more than 15,500 people worldwide and reported 2006 sales of \$6.6 billion.

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