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Boeing will move 1,600 Huntington Beach jobs to Los Angeles County



A technician inspects a GPSIIF satellite being built at Boeing's El Segundo facility in 2010. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

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Aerospace giant Boeing Co. will move 1,600 jobs from its Huntington Beach facility to locations in Los Angeles County over the next four years, the company said Tuesday.

Those positions will move to either Boeing's El Segundo facility, which specializes in satellite design and manufacturing, or its Long Beach plant, which provides commercial airplane support.

An additional 300 jobs from Huntington Beach will be relocated to Seal Beach, which also specializes in commercial airplane support, said Tiffany Pitts, Boeing spokeswoman.

About 500 Huntington Beach positions will also be moving out of state, to St. Louis.

The moves are part of Chicago-based Boeing's larger efforts to consolidate its defense and space operations.

The company said in a statement that it would close its El Paso and Newington, Va., sites, and move jobs from its Kent, Wash., facility to nearby Tukwila.

"In order to push ourselves farther and win more business, we need to make the most of our resources and talent," Leanne Caret, chief executive of Boeing's defense, space and security segment, said in a statement.

Boeing's Huntington Beach plant will remain active, though with a smaller staff, Pitts said. She said the company is still determining which programs will remain in Huntington Beach.

The Huntington Beach location has a long history in Southern California's aerospace industry.

The site was once home to aerospace giant McDonnell Douglas, and it built part of the Saturn V rocket that blasted astronauts into space during the Apollo program. Boeing bought McDonnell Douglas in 1997.

Today, Boeing's Huntington Beach facility is a design and research center that focuses on small satellite technology, cyber security and unmanned underwater vehicles. There are currently about 5,000 employees at the location.

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