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BAE Systems Chief of Staff Joins National 4-H Council Board of Trustees

CHEVY CHASE, MD—Doug Coffey, Chief of Staff for BAE Systems, Inc., has been elected to National 4-H Council's Board of Trustees.

"Doug Coffey has an extensive knowledge of the local, national, and global science and technology sector," said James C. Borel, Chairman, National 4-H Council Board of Trustees. "His experience overseeing complex organizations and driving strategic partnerships to engage youth in science will be a critical asset for National 4-H Council."

As a senior executive in BAE Systems, a global defense, aerospace, and security business, Coffey oversees staff alignment and communicates on behalf of the CEO. In addition, he plays a leading role in the company's strategic partnership with *For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST)*, a youth science program designed to motivate young people to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, Coffey will continue to reach out to young people and guide a number of new 4-H initiatives—including the goal of engaging one million new young people in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Program (SET) over the next five years. The nation's largest youth development organization, 4-H reaches more than six million young people through out-of-school programs dedicated to teach science, engineering and technology, healthy living, and citizenship.

"National 4-H Council is dedicated to building America's next generation of great thinkers," said Donald T. Floyd, Jr., National 4-H Council President and CEO. "Doug's leadership and communications skills, as well as his passion for getting young people excited about science, will help 4-H reach new audiences and strengthen our 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative. We are delighted to welcome him to our team."

Coffey has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He serves on the Aerospace Industries Association committee, promoting public awareness of science, technology, engineering, and math education issues.

4-H is a community of six million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. National 4-H Council is the private sector, non-profit partner of National 4-H Headquarters (USDA). The 4-H programs are implemented by the 106 Land Grant Universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country. Learn more about 4-H at www.4-h.org.

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