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Steve serves as managing director of Boeing Defence UK (BDUK). He oversees the growth, alignment and business development of Boeing's significant defence programmes in the United Kingdom. Boeing, across all businesses, operates in the UK at 30 key sites with a highly-skilled workforce of 4,000 people and growing through a significant domestic supply chain.

Steve has been part of the BDUK leadership team for over 12 years. Over that time, he has gained significant knowledge of key programmes for the UK armed forces and built strong relationships with the broader defence community, coupled with his experience leading transformation programmes across the wider aerospace industry.

During his time at Boeing, Steve has taken a number of senior roles, including leading BDUK's aircraft support business, Information Services (IS) programmes, as well as overseeing significant change projects, most recently as director of BDUK Supply Chain leading the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Rotary Wing Enterprise (RWE) programmes.

Steve has been internationally recognised for his leadership of business transformation programmes and was awarded the titles of UK Quality Leader in 2007 and European Quality Leader in 2008 for implementation of lean manufacturing methods in factories and supply chains.

With over 40 years of experience in the UK aerospace and defence industry, Steve started his career as an apprentice at AgustaWestland (now Leonardo Helicopters) in Helicopter Manufacture & Support, followed by time spent at Babcock providing MOD Training & Facilities Management, and also with APPH on the Landing Gear team (a former BBA Aviation Company).

Steve is a fellow of the UK Institute of Directors and holds a BSc in Mechanical and Production Engineering and a MSc in Manufacturing Systems Engineering.

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