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MADISON, Miss. (September 5, 2002) –

John Kehoe, 33, of Madison, has been selected as 2002 Senior Information Technology (IT) Executive of the Year for the State of Mississippi. The honor will be announced today during The Computer & Technology Showcase at the Mississippi Trade Mart in Jackson.

More than 20 nominations were considered by a panel of judges that included key local executives in IT [and related] fields. Kehoe serves as Director of IT for Raytheon Aerospace (RA).

“Kehoe leads a multi-disciplined team that effectively meets the technology needs of this company,” says Dave Robinson, RA vice president. The IT function for RA is especially challenging given the worldwide deployment of many company personnel, mainly at military installations in 32 countries.

Furthermore, RA became a stand-alone company in June, 2001, following a majority divestiture from its former corporate parent. This led to large-scale IT transition issues. Kehoe successfully migrated IT systems from Raytheon's networks to new, stand-alone operations. He also directed an enterprise-wide conversion to Windows 2000, allowing network sites to be controlled from RA's Madison home office. “Despite the complexity and wide dispersion of our IT assets, these efforts were planned, phased and executed without any interruption in service,” Robinson says.

***John Kehoe***

Numerous other accomplishments were listed in the award nomination, including Kehoe's role in helping RA's government customers, specifically the US Navy and Customs Service, to improve their technology infrastructure that support aircraft and flight operations.

In addition, Kehoe serves as the Co-chairman of Mississippi InfraGard – a joint private and public alliance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a member of the Mississippi curricula committee for secondary and post secondary education, and a member of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Prior to joining Raytheon in 1997, Kehoe served in the United States Air Force from 1989 to 1997 where he was instrumental in coordinating unilateral agreements with several foreign nations. He received a Commendation Medal for support of agreements negotiated with the Kingdom of Thailand. Kehoe holds a Masters degree in Business Administration and a Bachelors degree in Computer Science. Kehoe, his wife, April, and sons, Joshua and Jakob, reside in Madison.

Raytheon Aerospace oversees and manages more than 1,800 aircraft and other equipment at 299 sites worldwide, providing contract maintenance and training support for military, government and commercial customers. The company has 5,400 employees, with 465 in the Madison, Mississippi home office. Raytheon Aerospace LLC is a portfolio company of Veritas Capital, a private equity investment firm based in New York.