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Biography

Born and raised in Hawaii, Lance Hidano grew up near the sugar cane fields above Pearl Harbor. As a youngster, Hidano exhibited a real aptitude for math and science and an overwhelming urge to break things to see how they worked; he decided early on to become an engineer. His first mentors – father, uncle and high-school teacher – taught him hard work, to always “find a way,” and some basic engineering and aerospace principles.

Hidano earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Hawaii and a master’s in civil engineering from the University of Washington.

Currently, Hidano is Chief Engineer of the 737NG (Next Generation) Airplane Structures group within Boeing Commercial Airplanes where he manages more than 300 engineers responsible for structural design changes to the 737 airframe; improved tooling and equipment for a higher-quality and more economical build; and working with operators and regulatory agencies to keep 4,600+ 737 airplanes flying safely. He also oversees more than

150 engineers at supplier sites in Wichita, KS, and Moscow, Russia.

Throughout his 34-year Boeing career, Hidano has led teams and contributed his engineering expertise in support of aircraft stress analysis, safety, regulatory compliance, aging airplane modifications, research and development programs, customer training and production support. Hidano is most proud of leading a multi-skilled team of 100+ engineers who, under an intense deadline, redesigned the 787-8 Wing to Body Joint that was stronger, lighter and easier to build than its predecessor.

Hidano has been on the board of directors of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, a deputy director of the Boeing Employees Community Fund, a middle-school math competition coach, and is currently involved with the Boeing Asian American Professional Association and Special Olympics.

Hidano is married with three children and enjoys family activities, fishing and traveling.