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Prior to joining Boeing in September 2005, Cooning, a retired Major General from the United States Air Force, was Director of Space Acquisition in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force. He provided acquisition support to the Under Secretary and program management direction to field organizations for the development and procurement of Air Force surveillance, communications, navigation and weather satellites, space launch systems, information warfare capabilities, ground-based strategic radars, communications and command centers and sustainment for the nation's land-based strategic nuclear missile systems.

General Cooning was commissioned in 1973 through the ROTC program at Auburn University. He served in a broad range of acquisition and logistics positions and as Program Executive Officer for all Air Force space programs, twice as a major weapon system program director, as a commander, and a warranted contracting officer. Cooning earned both the space and master acquisition badges.

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