COLORADO'S PIONEERING ATMOSPHERE

EXPANDING THE FRONTIER OF SMALL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY

HUB OF HIGH-TECH INNOVATION

Colorado is a thriving, international aerospace hub. With nearly 500 space-related businesses, we're home to the nation’s second-largest private aerospace economy.

- Colorado's companies and research assets excel in all aspects of small satellite expertise. Space systems manufacturing and operations—including satellite operations and manufacturing—account for nearly one third of Colorado's space jobs, while satellite-based services is one of the fastest growing sectors of the state’s space economy.

- Colorado is actively working to grow, promote, and sustain its advanced industries. Since 2013, Colorado's Advanced Industries Accelerator Programs have driven product development and commercialization in aerospace via $8.8 million in funding to Colorado companies and universities.

ACCESS TO TOP-NOTCH TALENT

In Colorado, you can access a large, highly technical and scientific workforce, along with proximity to leading research institutions.

- With the second-most highly educated state in the nation, Colorado also ranks first for labor supply and third for high-tech employment.

- Colorado offers an exceptional environment that attracts and retains quality workers, with nearly 300 days of sunshine and unparalleled outdoor recreation.

- Centrally located within the United States, Colorado offers global connectivity with the nation’s sixth-busiest airport.
CUTTING-EDGE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In Colorado, our education institutions are leading the way in small satellite research and training.

- The University of Colorado Boulder’s Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics—an innovator in small satellite development and operations—offers undergraduate students the unique opportunity to become certified mission operators.
- The Metropolitan State University of Denver and York Space Systems are locating a new manufacturing facility capable of producing 150-200 satellites per year at the University, providing students with exceptional hands-on experience in small satellite manufacturing.

PROGRESSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

We’re serious about creating the best atmosphere for space business in Colorado.

- The state has enacted legislation that exempts personal property used in an orbital space facility, a space propulsion system, satellite, or space station, from sales and use tax.
- Colorado is also actively working to establish a horizontal launch facility at Front Range Airport and has already passed legislation limiting liability for public and private entities holding an FAA license for spaceflight activities.
- Colorado’s corporate income tax rate of 4.63 percent is one of the lowest in the nation, and is based on single factor-apportionment, which allows companies to pay taxes based solely on their sales in the state. Colorado also ranks among the top-10 states with the best tax climate for entrepreneurship and small business.

To learn more about Colorado’s thriving aerospace industry, visit www.spacecolorado.org.

For more information about the benefits of locating your small satellite business in Colorado, please contact:

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