

# Florida Federal Space Policy Agenda

Florida's space industry stakeholders encourage an expanded role for the state's unique infrastructure, expertise and workforce in our nation's evolving space program. To achieve this, Florida needs to have a more active, influential role in federal space policy, programs and spending.

Stakeholders in government, industry, academia, professional associations, and the general public collectively endorse this Space Policy Agenda, which includes a consensus-based list of achievable items, aligned with statewide goals for space transportation and space industry diversification. We encourage Florida's Congressional Delegation to support it in Washington, to ensure the nation recognizes and more effectively leverages our state's space capabilities.

**SPACE TRANSPORTATION** - Ensure Florida's competitiveness and capabilities for government and commercial launch operations; attract new launch vehicle programs; and provide new opportunities to preserve and expand our strategically skilled space transportation workforce.

- **Increase NASA's top-line budget** to close the gap in U.S. human access to space by extending the Space Shuttle missions AND accelerating the development of next-generation commercial and heavy-lift launch systems.
- Appropriate funds required to continue operations of the International Space Station to at least 2020.
- Maximize Florida's role in NASA's future spaceflight and technology development programs.
- Encourage and appropriate funds to increase Florida support for military Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) and Missile Defense Agency (MDA) launches.
- Develop and sponsor new legislation to update laws, policies and rules to improve Florida's spaceport competitiveness.
- Authorize and appropriate funds for an FAA-sponsored multi-university center of excellence for space transportation-oriented research and development, based in Florida.
- Support funding for an FAA national infrastructure grant program for spaceports.
- Appropriate funds for Florida spaceport infrastructure.
- In support of the ongoing launch and range transformation process, appropriate funds for a range technology prize competition at the Cape Canaveral Spaceport.

**SPACE INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION** - Leverage our spaceports' presence to develop and attract manufacturing, research, and technology development programs that expand the state's role in non-launch programs.

- Authorize and appropriate funds for Florida-based Space Station "National Laboratory" research and operations, including the Space Life Sciences Lab at KSC.
- Leverage Florida's workforce talent through the assignment of new exploration responsibilities/ programs to KSC and other Florida locations.
- Support and encourage other federal programs that would use KSC property, including Exploration Park (Unmanned Aerial Systems, etc.).
- Protect or improve language that would facilitate Enhanced Use Leases at Florida spaceports.
- Appropriate funds for annual prioritized R&D equipment purchases aimed at expanding Florida's role in space exploration science and technology development.