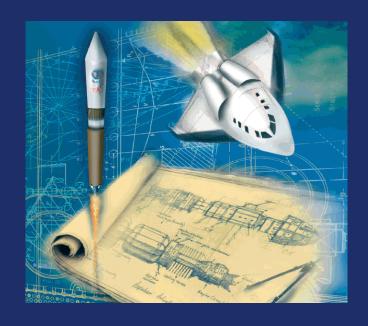
### **New Beginnings**



Dr. George C. Nield
Associate Administrator for
Commercial Space Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

**February 17, 2009** 

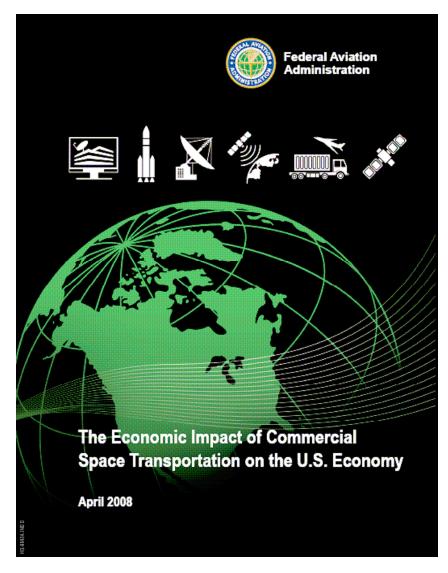


### Vanguard 2





### **Economic Impact Report**



Commercial Space Transportation impacts on the American Economy for 2006:

- \$139.3 billion in economic activity
- \$35.7 billion in earnings
- 729,000 jobs

### **SpaceShipOne**

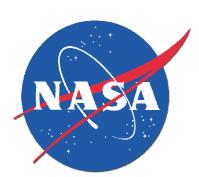


## Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act

- Put Congress and the Administration on the record as supporting the development of commercial human space flight.
- Created a new experimental launch permit for testing reusable suborbital launch vehicles.
- Called for development of needed regulations
- Established an "informed consent" regime for carrying space flight participants.

### The Role of Government

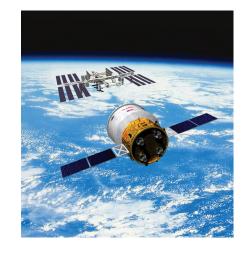




# Commercial Orbital Transportation Services Program









**Orbižal** 



### Suborbital RLVs In Development



Blue Origin



Sierra Nevada



**XCOR Aerospace** 



**Scaled Composites** 



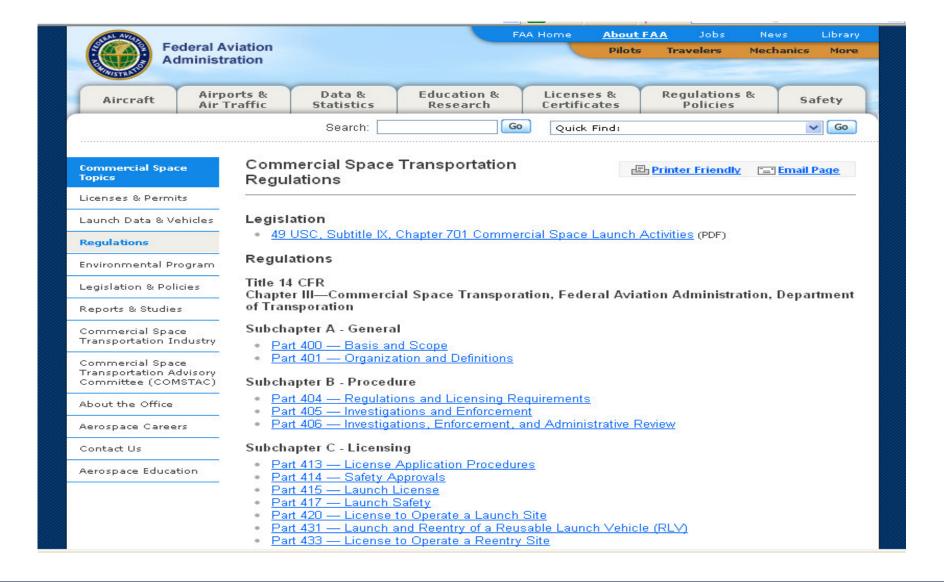
Armadillo Aerospace



Rocketplane Global



#### **AST Website:** ast.faa.gov

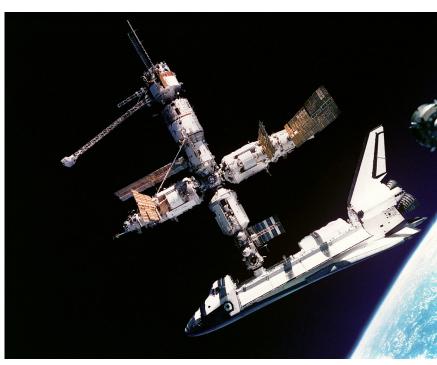


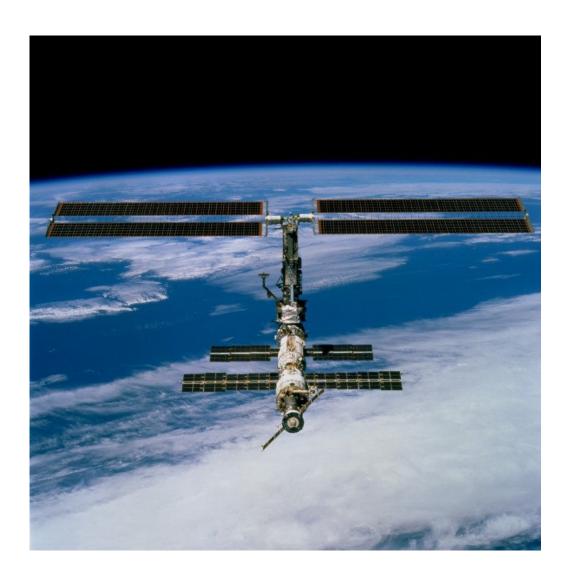
### **U.S. Spaceports**





### **International Cooperation**





### **Working Together in Space**

