

Colorado's Contributions to the Space Economy



Last week, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado Space Coalition took a look into the programs and people in Colorado that are driving the next era of human deep space exploration.

Why it matters: Colorado's burgeoning space sector boasts 190,000 direct and indirect jobs, infusing the state's economy with \$15.4 billion per year. In addition, Colorado is home to the development and testing site of NASA's *Orion* crew module which will transport astronauts to cislunar orbit as part of the *Artemis* program.

What happened: We were joined by the Colorado's Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera and Rep. Ed Perlmutter, as well as five-time Space Shuttle veteran James Voss who took questions from Denver area STEM students about the space sector workforce of the future.

—Christian Zur, Executive Director, Procurement and Space Industry Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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