

Where the World's Most Powerful Rocket is Built and Tested

Last Tuesday, the U.S. Chamber in partnership with the Hancock, Mississippi Chamber of Commerce took a meticulous look at the world's most powerful rocket, the [Space Launch System](#) (SLS), which will soon transport crew and material to the moon and beyond.

State of play: SLS core engine stage testing is well under way at the [Stennis Space Center](#) in Mississippi. And at Louisiana's [Michoud Assembly Facility](#) the vision and work behind the design, manufacturing, and assembly of this massive vehicle comes together.

What happened: Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) discussed how both facilities are critical to local economies and advancing the space industry. In addition, Space Shuttle veteran Jan Davis spoke with STEM students at Nunez Community College in Louisiana who are embarking upon careers in the space workforce of the future.

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