

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND SPACE

Senator Wright, Chair

Senator Cruz, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

TIME: 4:00—5:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Wright, Chair; Senator Cruz, Vice Chair; Senators Broxson, Gainer, Harrell, Pizzo, and Torres

BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS			
TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	COMMITTEE ACTION	
1	Presentation by the Department of Veterans' Affairs	Presented	
2	Presentation by Space Florida	Presented	
Other Related Meeting Documents			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Honoring those who served U.S.

Agency Update

Captain Danny Burgess, U.S. Army Reserve
Executive Director

Did You Know?



Did you know?

*Florida veterans bring in more than **\$18.4 Billion** in Federal Dollars to Florida's economy.*

- Nation's 3rd largest veteran population
 - 1,525,400 total veterans
 - 1,172,800 wartime veterans
 - 144,200 women veterans
 - 203,000 retirees
 - 789,700 veterans over 65
 - 331,000 service-connected disabled veterans
 - 725,800 enrolled in VA Health Care in Florida
 - 51,100 enrolled in GI Bill

The Sunshine State

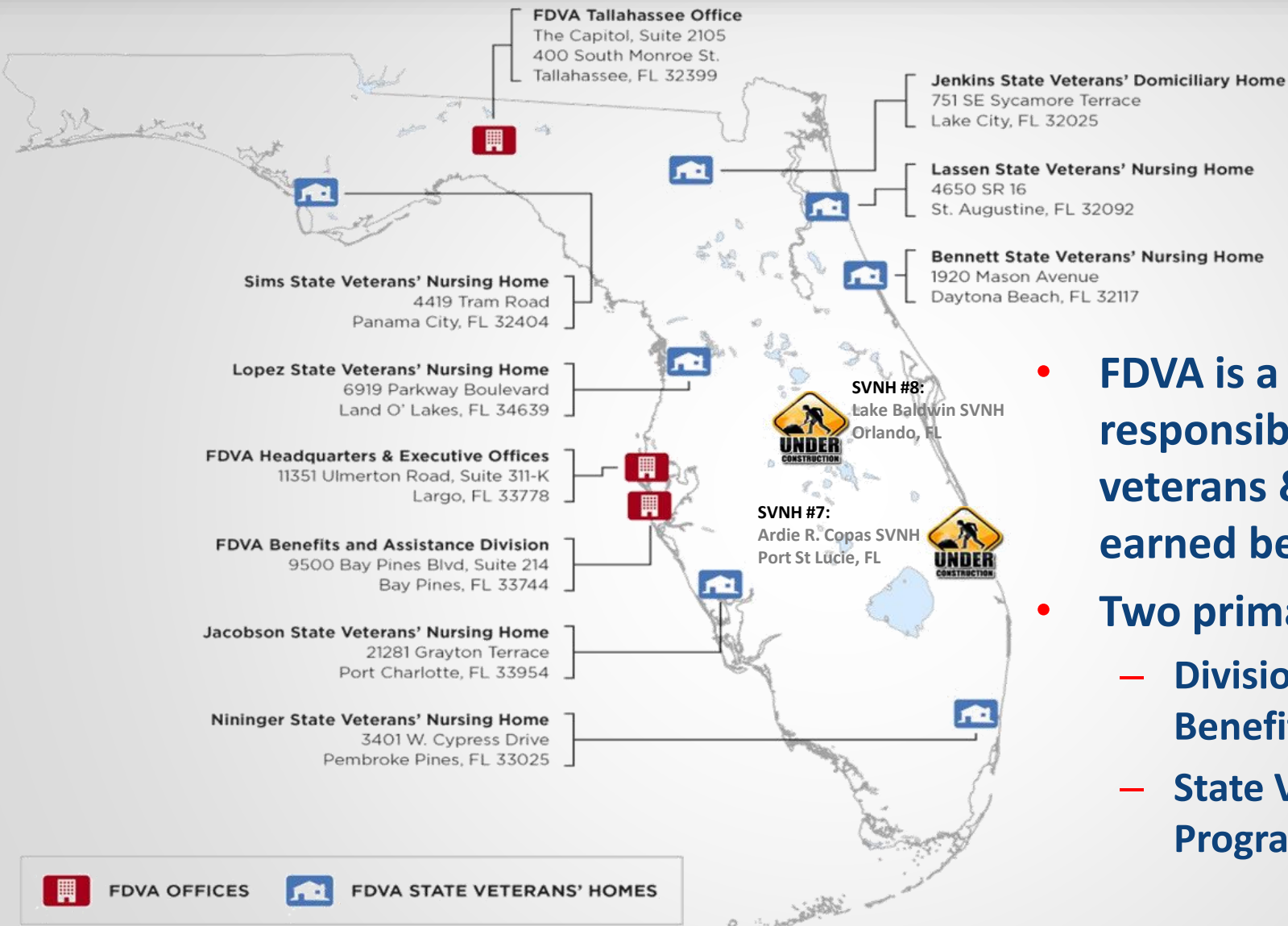


Did you know?

*More than 400,000 Florida veterans have the **Veteran** designation on their driver license or state ID Card.*

- Florida's 1.5 million veterans represent all generations
 - 61,600 World War II veterans
 - 139,100 Korean War veterans
 - 519,800 Vietnam veterans
 - 188,000 Gulf War veterans
 - 177,000 Post-9/11 veterans
 - 352,600 peacetime veterans

Who We Are



- **FDVA is a Cabinet Agency responsible for connecting veterans & families with earned benefits & services**
- **Two primary program areas:**
 - **Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance**
 - **State Veterans' Homes Program**

Agency Mission and Vision

Mission: To advocate with purpose and passion for Florida veterans and link them to superior services, benefits and support.

Vision: FDVA is the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to access earned services, benefits and support.



Who We Serve



- We proudly serve veterans dating back to just prior to World War II to the present day.
- Our veterans include Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Merchant Mariners, Guardsmen and Reservists from all branches of service.



Why We Serve

- Florida has the **third largest population of veterans** in the nation after California and Texas with more than 1.5 million veterans – 12 percent of the Sunshine State's adult population.
- Florida's **veterans are a major fiscal force** accounting for **\$18.4 billion** that flow into Florida's economy annually.
- Florida's **veterans are a diverse group**:
 - ✓ More than 519,000 Vietnam veterans; 1 out of 3 vets in Sunshine State
 - ✓ More than 365,000 younger veterans from both Gulf War eras
 - ✓ About 9 percent (144,000) of Florida's veterans are women
 - ✓ More than 789,000 Florida veterans are 65 years of age and over
 - ✓ World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War

Employees

For fiscal year 2018-2019, FDVA is authorized 1,112 employees, many of whom are veterans.



Veterans within FDVA:

- 89 - Benefits & Assistance Division
- 52 - State Veterans' Homes Division
- 12 - Executive Direction & Support

153 = total



Return on Investment

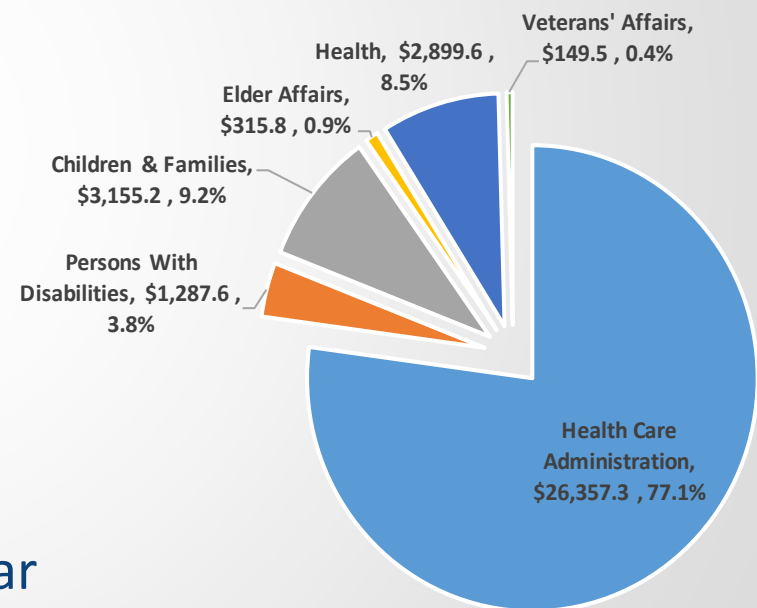
- ROI for FY 2017-18: **\$94:\$1**

- VA Benefits: \$275,032,201
- Retroactive Compensation: \$126,958,225
- Debt Waiver: \$1,356,536
- Issue Resolution: \$81,737,100

Total: \$485,084,062

- ❖ Every federal dollar that **FDVA** B&A staff garners from advocacy on behalf of Florida's veterans is a dollar added to Florida's economy. Every health care or educational dollar provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs **potentially** frees a state dollar that can be used to assist other citizens.

FY 2017-18 Appropriations (In Millions)
Health & Human Services Agencies



Division of State Veterans' Homes

FDVA operates and maintains six award-winning skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility.

- **Basic admission requirements for all state veterans' homes in Florida include:**
 - ✓ An honorable discharge.
 - ✓ Florida residency established prior to admission.
 - ✓ Certification of need of assisted living or skilled nursing care as determined by a VA physician.
- **One State Veterans' Nursing Home under construction in Port St. Lucie & one under renovation in Orlando (Lake Baldwin)**

Ardie R. Copas SVNH Overview

- 28.5 acres located west of I-95 in Port St. Lucie on Tradition Parkway
- 120-bed facility with bariatric amenities
- Hybrid Conventional State Veterans' Nursing Home
- Cost estimated at \$58M
- Estimated completion: January 2020



FDVA's Copas SVNH (#7) Site Grading & Footers Overview



Ardie R. Copas Overall Site View



Lake Baldwin SVNH Overview

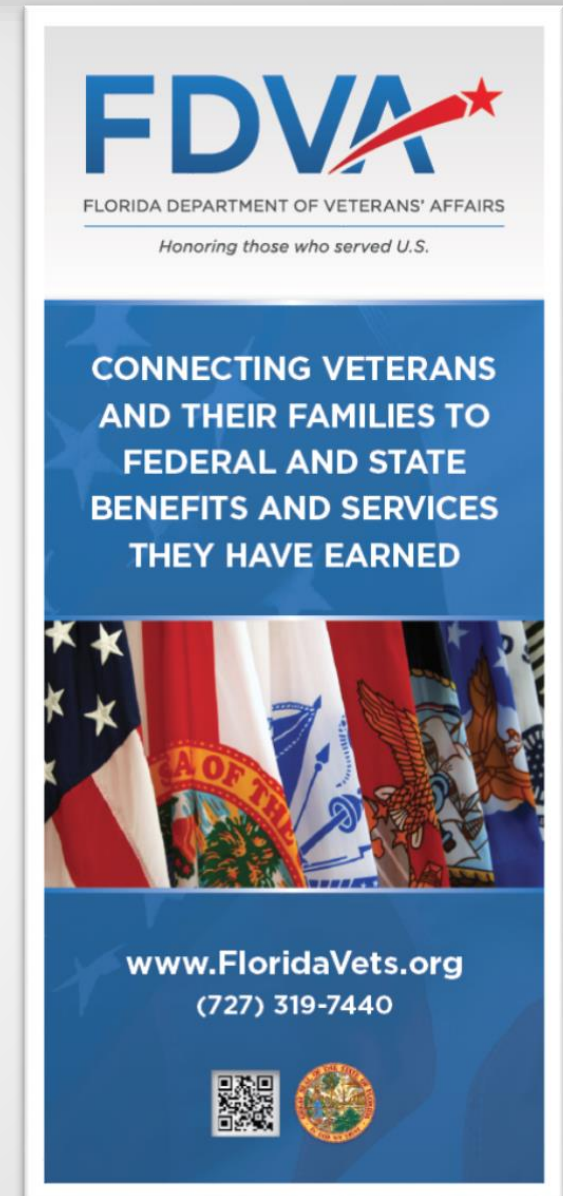
- Acquisition in 2014 from U.S. Government/U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (*FDVA ownership August 2018*)
- Location: Orlando/Lake Baldwin VAMC Complex
 - 5201 Raymond Street, Orlando, FL 32814
- 112-bed skilled nursing facility
- Conventional design
- Renovation cost \$8.3M
- Estimated renovation completion: November 2019
- Shared utilities with USDVA with disconnect in five years
- Commercial laundry and kitchen pending

Lake Baldwin – Front View & Entry



Notable Achievements

- Veterans Court
- Florida Purple Heart Day
- Early course registration
- College credit for military training
- Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council
- Business license fee waivers
- Specialty license plates
- Outreach & Branding campaign
- Established permanent Resident Trust Fund Threshold (\$35 to \$105)
- Competitive Pay adjustments (Clinical Staff)



Strategic Planning Focus



- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Center Support
- Mental Healthcare
- Aging Veterans Support
- Benefits Education
- Transitional Services
- Transportation
- Wellness



Current Initiatives

- Educate 3,100 Florida ALF Administrators in Veterans' Benefits
- Team with In-Home Health Care to keep Veterans at home
- Potential \$1 Billion in Federal Benefits
- Suicide Prevention / Crisis Centers / Managing Entities / Mental Health / Opioid Addiction



Issues for Upcoming Session

1. Legislative Budget Request

- Pay Raises for Nursing Staff
- Proper Staffing for Nursing Homes (21 new positions)



2. Legislative Proposals

- Extension of homestead tax exemption for spouses of combat wounded veterans 65 and older
- Authorizing the potential for state funding for Veterans' Hall of Fame Council members (i.e. travel)

Other Legislative Issues

- **Florida 2-1-1**
 - Enhance Veteran Suicide Prevention & Opioid Treatment
- **Veterans Treatment Courts**
 - Establish statewide treatment court model
- **Alternative Therapies**
 - Target TBI / PTSD
- **Veterans' Legal Hotline Initiatives**
 - Connect veterans with statewide legal services



Connecting with FDVA



www.FloridaVets.org



FDVA

Veterans Florida

Florida is for Veterans, Inc.

Established under s. 295.21, F.S., with the mission to attract and retain veterans and their families by connecting them to employment, training and educational opportunities

- Strengthen Florida businesses by educating them on the value and skill sets veterans bring to the workforce and providing training resources for their veteran hires
- Enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans



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Under s. 295.22, F.S., administer the *Veterans Employment and Training Services Program*

- Career Services Program
 - *Veterans* - resume help, military to civilian skills matching, interview prep & placement
 - *Employers* - military skills translation, recruitment, workforce grants
- Entrepreneurship
 - *Veterans* - idea to business, mentorship, local resources

Under s. 295.23, F.S., coordinate marketing with *VISIT Florida*

- Retain and attract veterans in Florida & around the country



Florida Veterans Foundation

- **FDVA's Direct Support Organization; established by Florida Legislature in 2008 as 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization**
 - **Statewide Aging Veterans Outreach**
 - Educate 60,000 aging veterans on earned benefits
 - Average life of earned benefits: \$50K per veteran
 - Potential of \$3 Billion of Federal VA money to the state, which could free up State Medicaid money
 - Keep veterans in their homes for health and longevity
 - **Fund new DAV vans for statewide transportation of veterans**
 - **Match mental health/wellness grant for homeless veterans**

Florida Veterans Foundation

- Collaborate with Veteran Service Organizations to provide emergency financial support of veterans in crisis.
- Suicide prevention, opioid addiction, Crisis Center, mental health collaboration to seek immediate support of veterans in crisis for mental health needs/solutions of peer to peer
- Funded legal helpline for veterans legal needs assessment.
- www.FloridaVeteransFoundation.org
- (850) 488-4181



FLORIDA VETERANS
— F O U N D A T I O N —



Questions, Comments, Discussion

PROUDLY SERVING FOR 30 YEARS



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

20 Feb 2019

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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SPACE FLORIDA



Frank A. DiBello
President & CEO

THE CAPE IS BACK !

and this time... it's commercial

“FLORIDA’S TIME IS NOW!”





A Look At the Future....This?

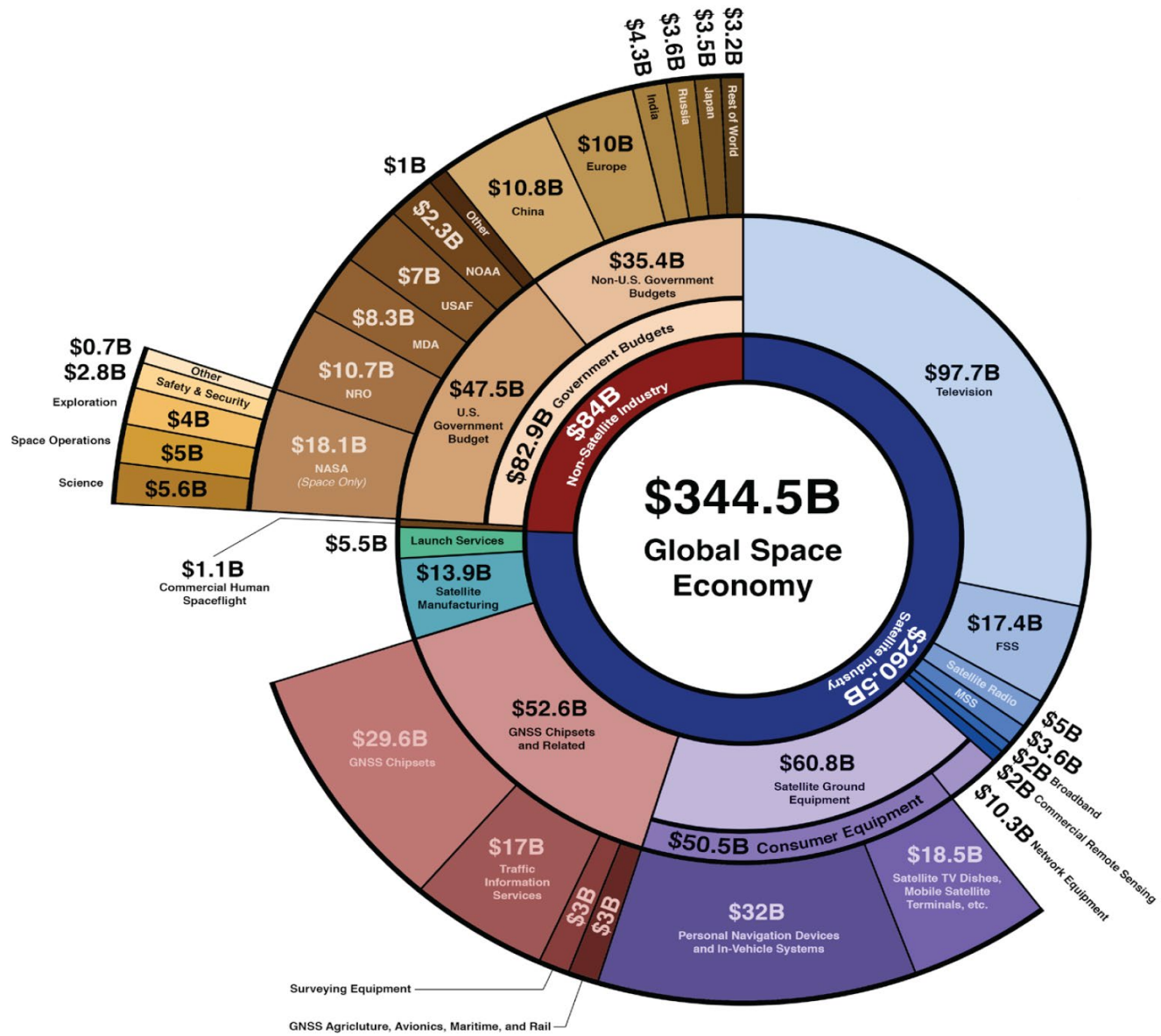




Or This?



Or Both....Limited Only By Imagination!



Source: Bryce Space & Technology



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Space Florida Structure & Role

Public Corporation & Independent Special District

Spaceport Authority

Business Development Capabilities

Develop
Infrastructure

Statewide Planning

Unique Financial &
Infrastructure Tools

Conduit Lease Financing

Build, Own, Lease, Bond
& Operate

Access to Capital
Markets

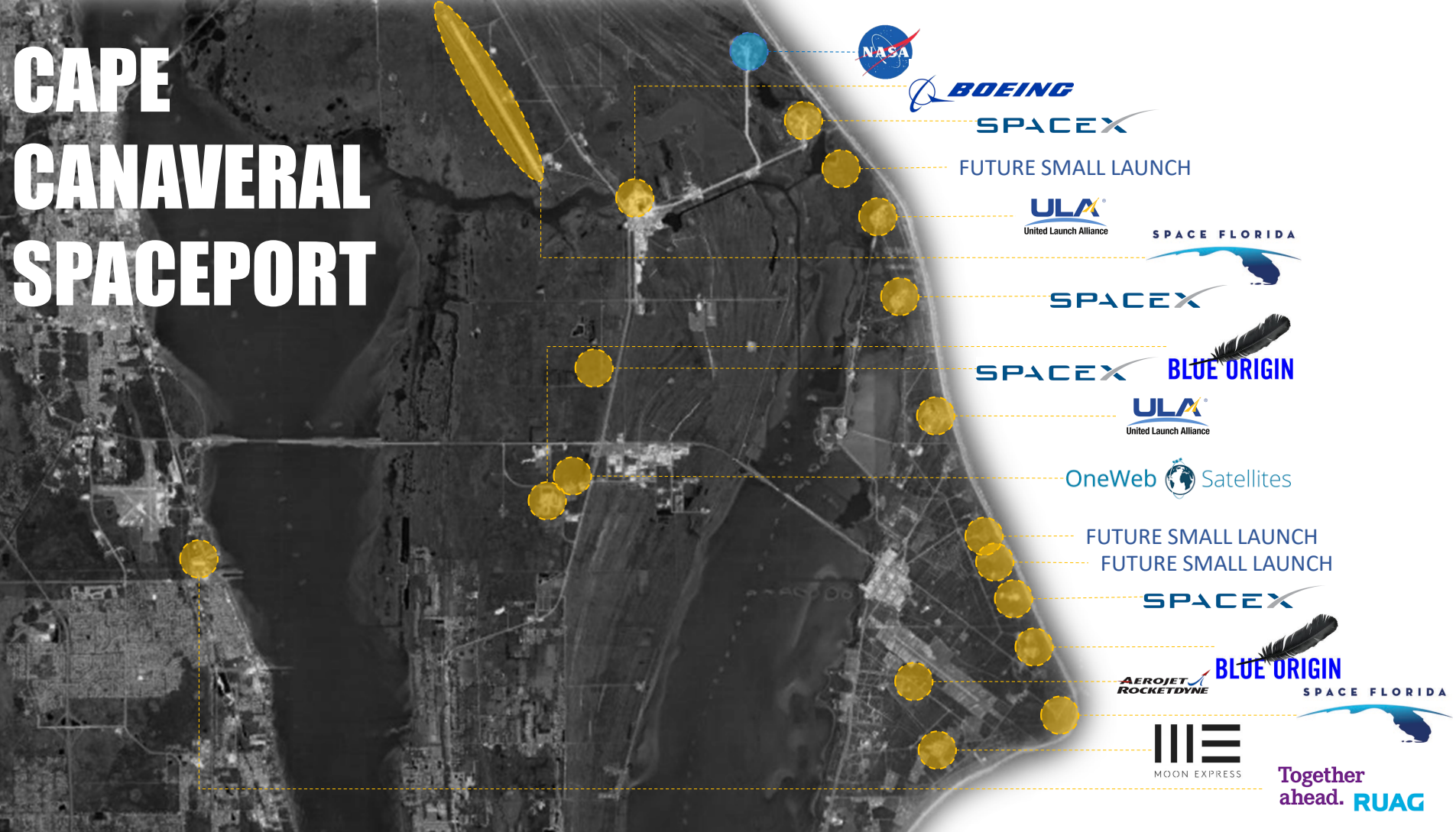
SLC-46
Exploration Park
Launch & Landing Facility

Tax Efficiencies

Move-in Ready
Facilities



CAPE CANAVERAL SPACEPORT





Florida's Growing Aerospace Industry



Launch • Land • Manufacture • Co-Locate • Operate • Thrive



The Rise of Commercial Space



SPACE X FLIGHT PROVEN BOOSTERS

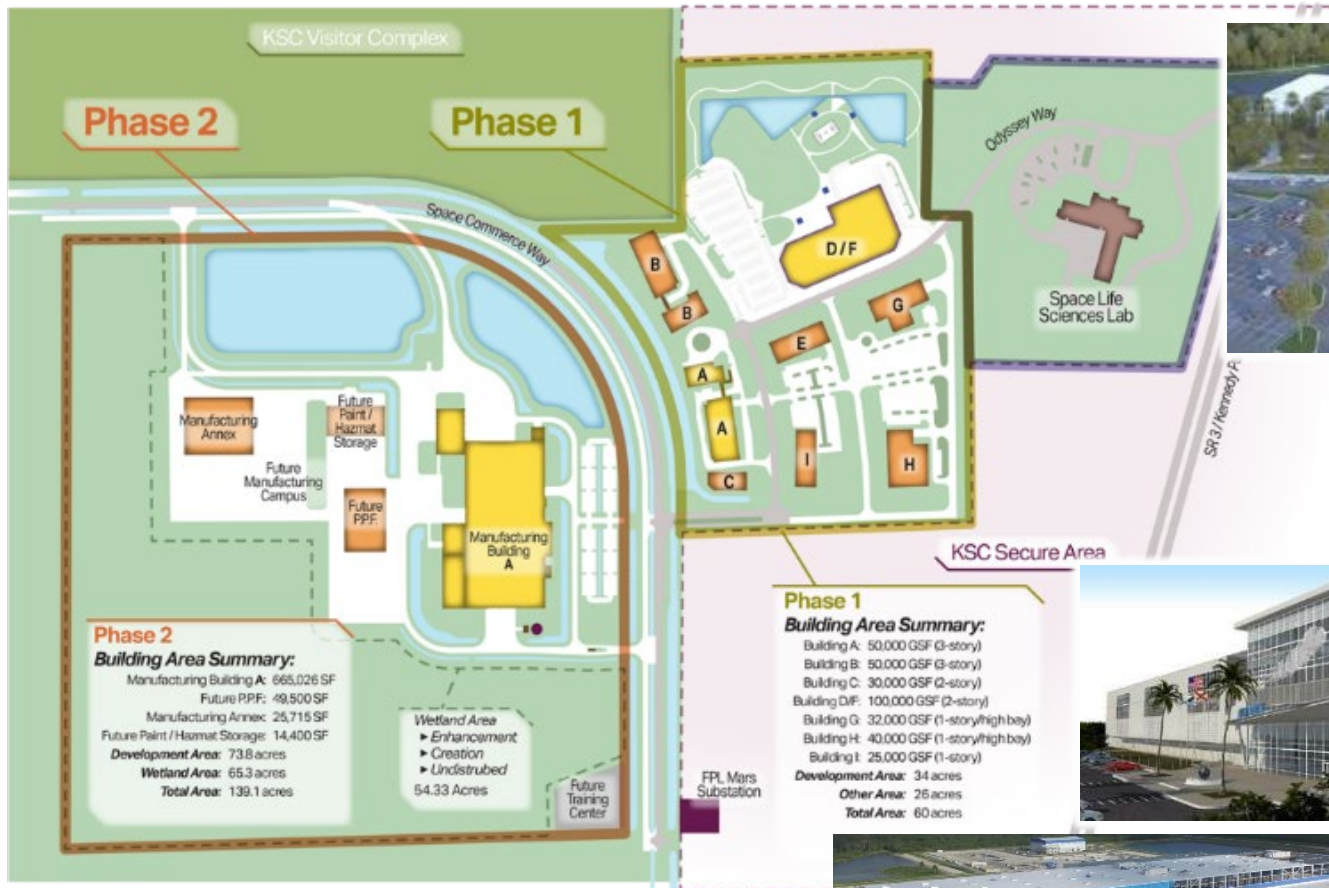


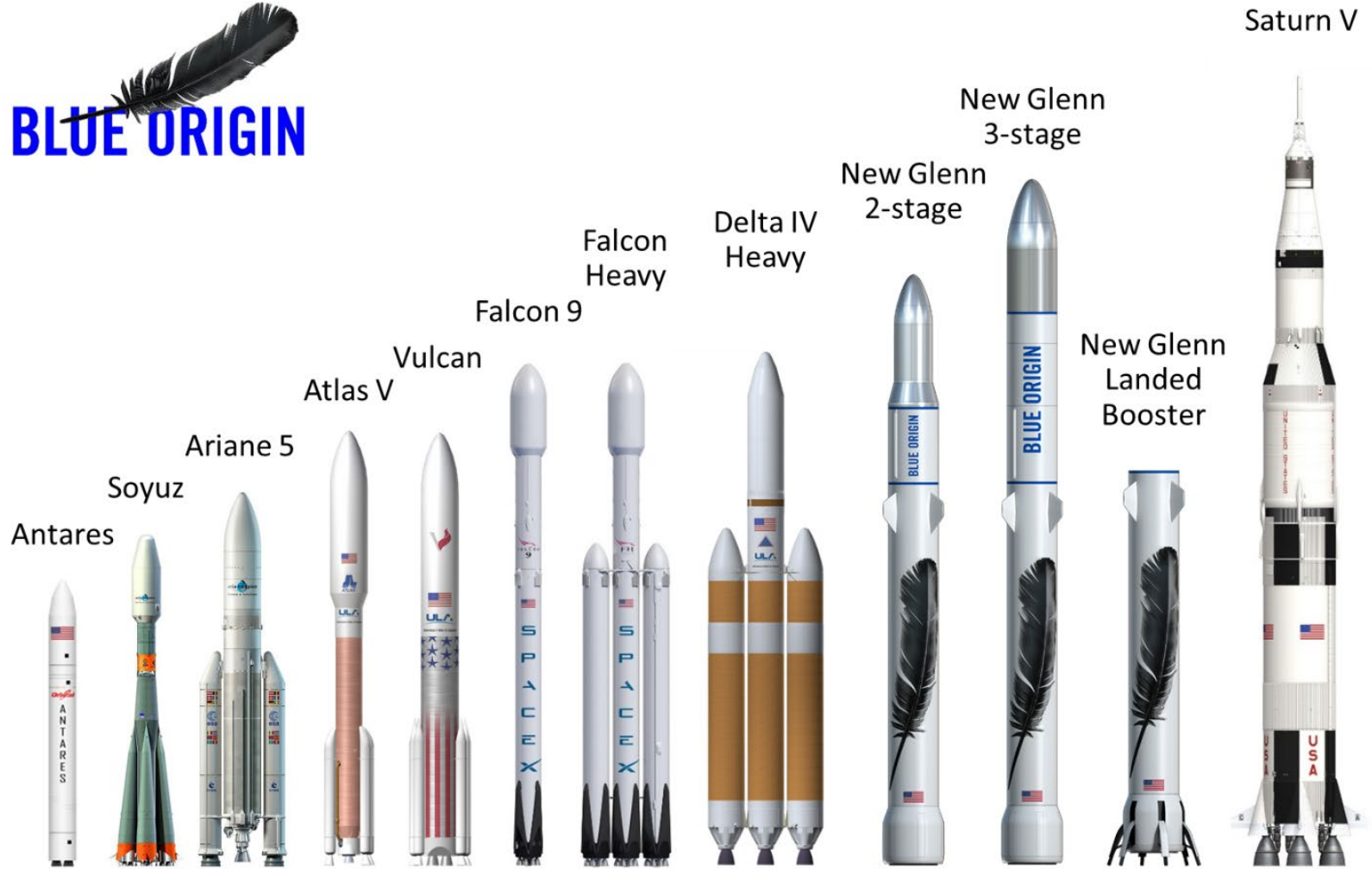
SPACE FLORIDA





EXPLORATION PARK DEVELOPMENT







PORT CANAVERAL



UNITED LAUNCH ALLIANCE CREW ACCESS TOWER



SPACE FLORIDA



BOEING STARLINER FACTORY



ORION MANUFACTURING

16,000 LB WHEEL LOAD /
400 PSF UNIFORM LOAD

SPACE FLORIDA



SPACE LAUNCH & LANDING FACILITY





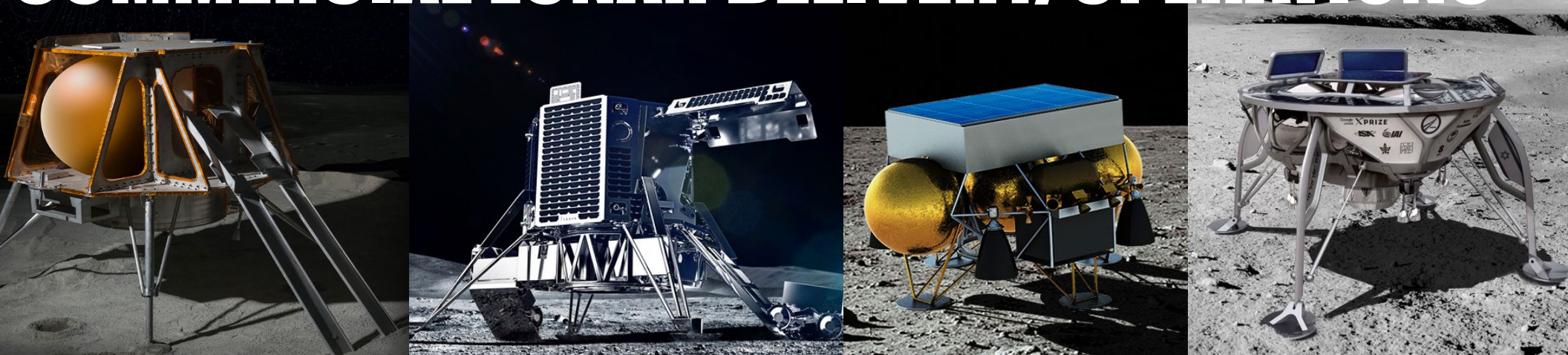
National Space Council Re-Established



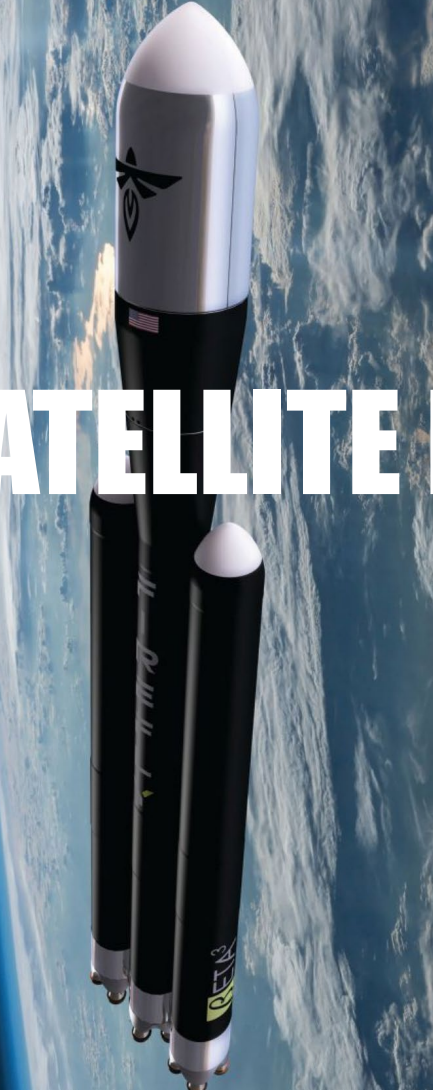
- **Cross Agency Space Policy**
 - **Revitalization and Streamlining**
- **Clarification of NASA Space Exploration Mission “Moon and Mars”**
- **Establishment of Department of Commerce**
 - **As lead Agency for Space Commerce**



COMMERCIAL LUNAR DELIVERY/OPERATIONS



SMALL SATELLITE LAUNCH



RESEARCH & MANUFACTURING ON-ORBIT

Made In Space – 3D Printed Fiber Optics

Florida a....Global “Space Commerce Trade-port”



Trade-port Enables:

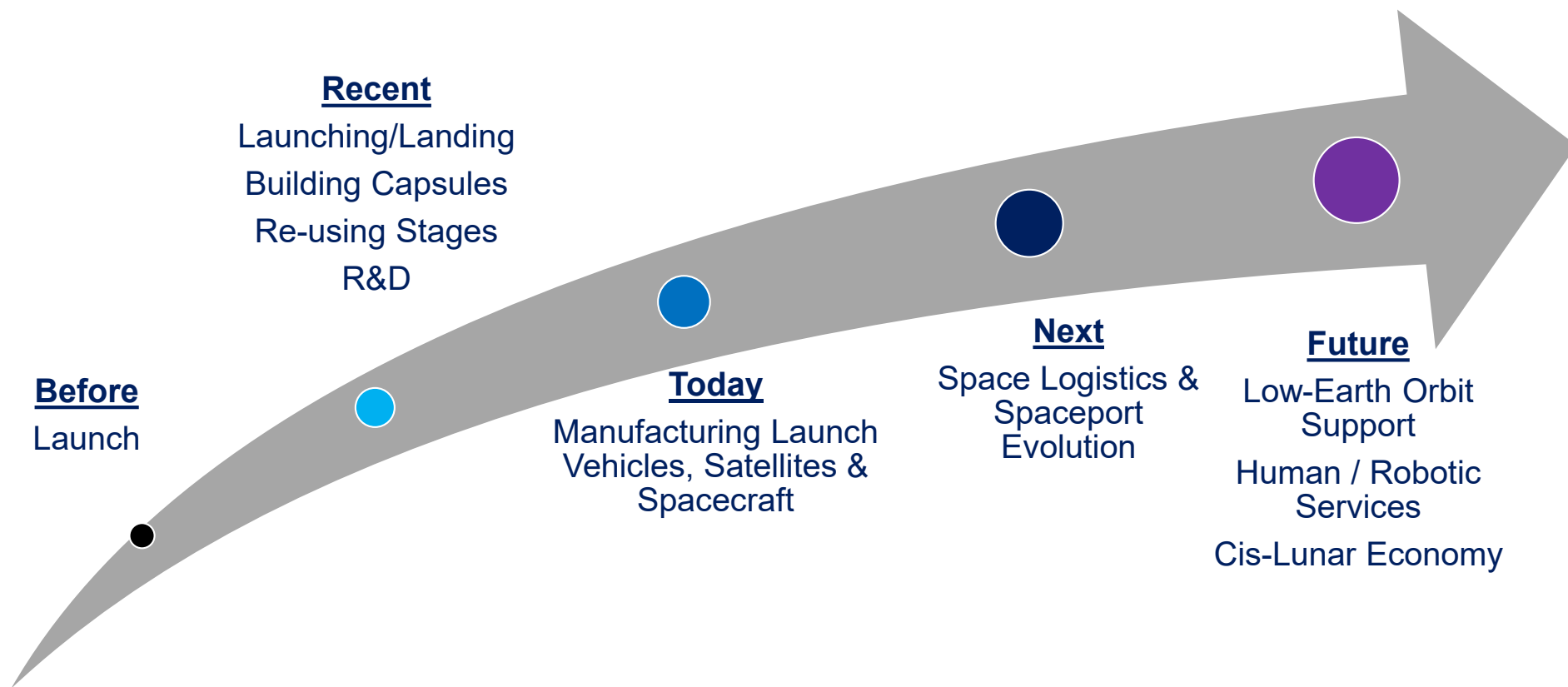
- Space Research
- Product Manufacturing
- On-Orbit Services



“Florida as the Leading Global Enabler”



Trajectory to Florida's Space Future



Key to Future Aerospace Innovation – Workforce







Thank You!

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CAN SIMPLIFY SPACE**



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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Space Florida

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Space Florida

Appearing at request of Chair: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing ENGAGED CITIZEN / VETERANS ALTERNATIVE

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

COMMITTEES:

Commerce and Tourism, *Vice Chair*
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Tourism, and Economic Development
Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
Governmental Oversight and Accountability
Military and Veterans Affairs and Space

JOINT COMMITTEE:

Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining

SENATOR VICTOR M. TORRES, JR.
15th District

February 19, 2019

Tom A. Wright, Chair
Military and Veterans Affairs and Space
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Request for excusal from February 20, 2019 committee meeting

Dear Chair Wright:

Due to a family medical issue, I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space. Please accept this letter as a formal request for excusal of this absence. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Torres, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Victor M. Torres, Jr.
Florida State Senator
District 15

c: Diana Caldwell, Staff Director, Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs and Space
Lisa Vickers, Chief of Staff, President Galvano

REPLY TO:

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President of the Senate

DAVID SIMMONS
President Pro Tempore

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: LL 37 Case No.:
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Type:
Judge:

Started: 2/20/2019 4:00:41 PM
Ends: 2/20/2019 5:05:00 PM Length: 01:04:20

4:00:40 PM Chair Wright calls meeting to order
4:00:41 PM Committee Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham calls the roll
4:00:51 PM Quorum Announced
4:01:02 PM Pledge of Allegiance
4:01:26 PM Chair Wright with opening comments
4:01:56 PM Tab 1 Presentation by Captain Danny Burgess, Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
4:02:12 PM Captain Danny Burgess presents
4:18:27 PM Chair Wright with comments
4:18:46 PM Senator Broxson with question
4:19:14 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:20:16 PM Chair Wright with comments
4:20:21 PM Senator Cruz with comment
4:20:51 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:21:55 PM Senator Harrell with question
4:22:08 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:25:17 PM Senator Harrell with follow-up
4:25:26 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:26:41 PM Senator Pizzo with question
4:27:05 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:27:11 PM Senator Pizzo with follow-up
4:27:22 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:30:24 PM Chair Wright with comments
4:32:01 PM Captain Burgess responds
4:34:14 PM Chair Wright with comments
4:34:28 PM Tab 2 - Presentation by Space Florida
4:34:57 PM Mr. Frank DiBello, President and CEO, presents
4:55:23 PM Chairman Wright calls for questions
4:55:32 PM Senator Gainer with question
4:55:47 PM Mr. DiBello responds
4:56:54 PM Senator Gainer with follow-up
4:57:04 PM Mr. DiBello responds
4:58:33 PM Senator Broxson with question
4:58:45 PM Mr. Frank DiBello responds
5:00:04 PM Chair Wright with comments
5:00:10 PM Mr. DiBello responds
5:00:16 PM Appearance card - Mr. Benjamin Smet, Engaged Citizen/Veterans Alternative
5:00:32 PM Mr. Smet speaks
5:04:28 PM Chair Wright responds
5:04:37 PM Senator Gainer moves to adjourn-without objection, meeting adjourned