



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
OF FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST

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**EDC, NASA matching technology to local industry needs.**

*Participation in online industry needs assessment yields opportunity to receive NASA services*

**Brevard County, Fla.** (May 28, 2015) – NASA and the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) are conducting a local industry needs assessment of manufacturing and technology challenges. Companies are encouraged to participate in the web-based assessment to identify any opportunities for a match with NASA services.

The Industry Needs Assessment is part of Technology Docking, a strategic alliance between NASA and the EDC. This regional initiative is part of NASA's national pilot program for Regional Economic Development (RED) and seeks to provide small and medium-sized manufacturers and technology-based companies access to NASA's subject matter experts, advanced technologies, and capabilities; drawing on NASA resources both at the Kennedy Space Center and across the nation.

"The EDC and NASA partnership provides technology enabling resources to local industry," said Dr. Abram Walton, EDC Innovation Council Chair and Associate Professor - College of Business at the Florida Institute of Technology. "These kinds of resources help build the foundation for an innovative ecosystem and a strong manufacturing sector."

Up to ten regional companies will be competitively selected from those participating in the industry needs assessment. An independent review committee will be convened by the EDC to evaluate all responses and select participants.

To be eligible for NASA services, regional companies must complete the online Technology Docking Industry Needs Assessment by June 15, 2015.

For program details or to receive a link visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org/TechDocking](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org/TechDocking) or contact [EHuy@SpaceCoastEDC.org](mailto:EHuy@SpaceCoastEDC.org).

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**About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC)**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a

private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit [www.SpaceCoastEDC.org](http://www.SpaceCoastEDC.org).

### **About NASA/Kennedy Space Center**

On July 29, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 85-568, creating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, also known as NASA. In July 1962, the agency established its Launch Operations Center on Florida's east coast and renamed it in late 1963 to honor the president who put America on the path to the moon. NASA's John F. Kennedy Space Center has helped set the stage for America's adventure in space for more than four decades. The center has served as the departure gate for every American manned mission and hundreds of advanced scientific spacecraft. From the early days of Project Mercury to the space shuttle and International Space Station, from the Hubble Space Telescope to the Mars Exploration Rovers and most recently the Exploration Flight Test of the Orion spacecraft, the center enjoys a rich heritage in its vital role as NASA's processing and launch center. Kennedy is transitioning to become a world-class multi-user launch complex supporting both government and commercial customers. As the nation embarks on a new chapter in space exploration, Kennedy will continue to make history. For more information on NASA's Kennedy Space Center visit: [www.nasa.gov/kennedy](http://www.nasa.gov/kennedy)