# REGIONAL AEROSPACE PLANNING PROJECT





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## MEET THE TEAM



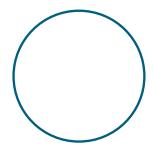
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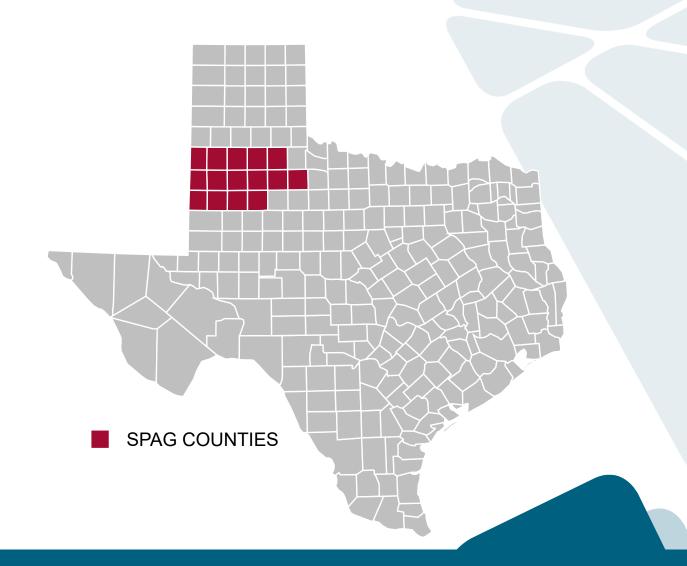
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# **SPAG REGION**

### 15 Counties:

- Bailey
- Cochran
- Crosby
- Dickens
- Floyd
- Garza
- Hale
- Hockley

- King
- Lamb
- Lubbock
  - Lynn
  - Motley
  - Terry
  - Yoakum



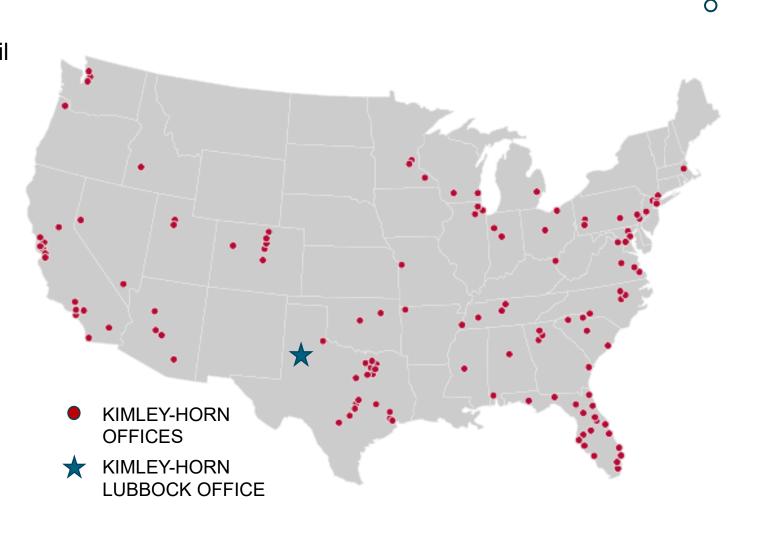
### WHO IS KIMLEY-HORN?

We are a consulting firm that offers civil engineering, environmental, planning, landscape architecture services, and funding services.

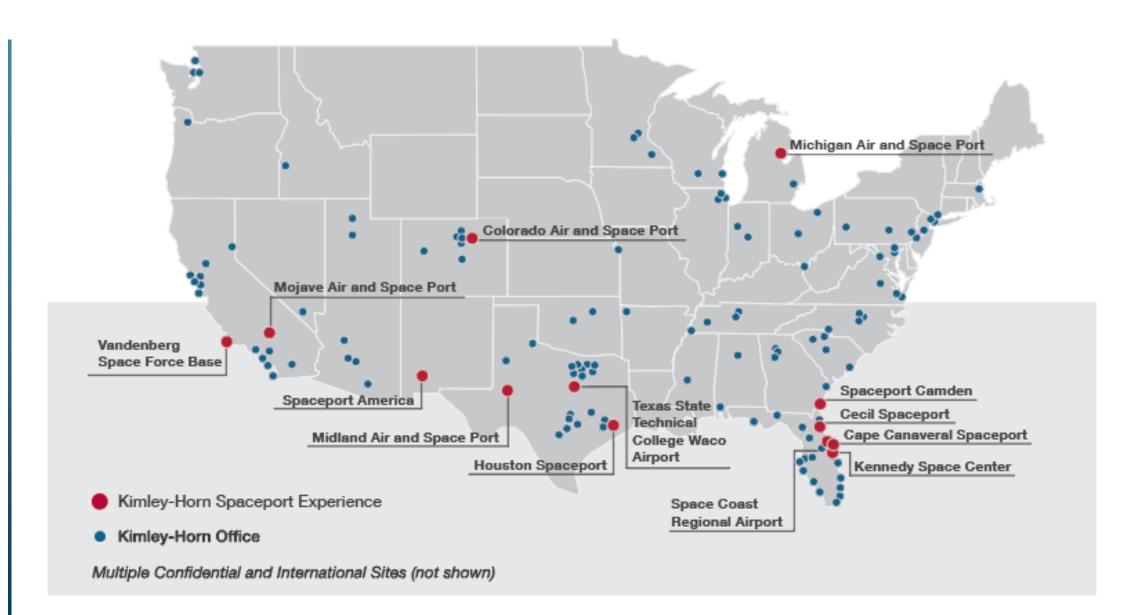
120+
OFFICES
NATIONWIDE

# EXPERIENCED & LICENSED IN ALL

# 50 STATES



## SPACEPORT PROJECT EXPERIENCE



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- Aerospace Planning 101
- Project Milestones
- Industry Trends
- Economic Impact
- Community Advancement
- Next Steps

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# **AEROSPACE PLANNING 101**

#### **Phases of Aerospace Planning**

- Concept development
- Site selection
- Economic analysis to guide aerospace initiatives

# Launch and Re-entry Operations

- Evaluating options for launch and reentry operations
- Due diligence for compatible operations and locations

#### **Regulatory Framework**

 Compliance with FAA regulations and NEPA environmental assessments



### **Types of Operations**

- Vertical Launch
- Horizontal Takeoff
- Spacecraft and Payload Processing
- Engine Testing
- Re-entry Operations
- Spaceport Operations
- Manufacturing





#### **Drivers for Launch**

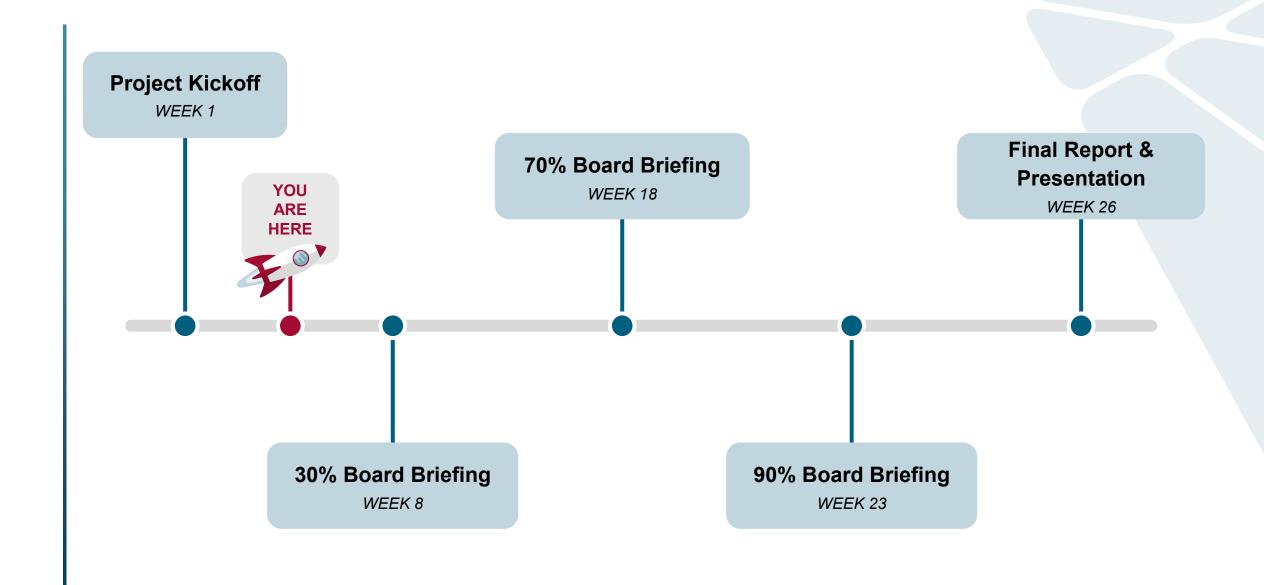
- Earth-focused space technologies (satellites)
- Space exploration (mining of materials, Mars)
- National security
- Civil human spaceflight
- Space tourism
- Point to point transportation (developmental phase)

### **Licensing Required**

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation Licensing
  - U.S. commercial space launch and reentry activity
  - Operation of commercial launch and reentry sites
- Launch Site Operator Licenses
  - Vertical / Horizontal
- Launch Vehicle Operator License
  - Vertical / Horizontal / Non-traditional

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# PROJECT MILESTONES



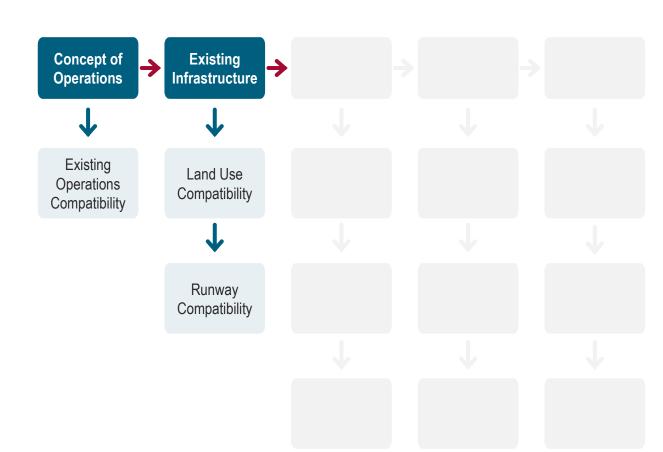
## SPACEPORT FEASIBILITY PROCESS

**Concept of Existing** Recommended Site Limitations Cost **Operations** Infrastructure Infrastructure Existing Land Use **ROM Cost of** Operations **Explosive Siting Land Acquisition** Compatibility Development Compatibility Runway Airspace Launch **Permitting Cost** Compatibility Capabilities Infrastructure Support Environmental **Grant Eligibility** Infrastructure

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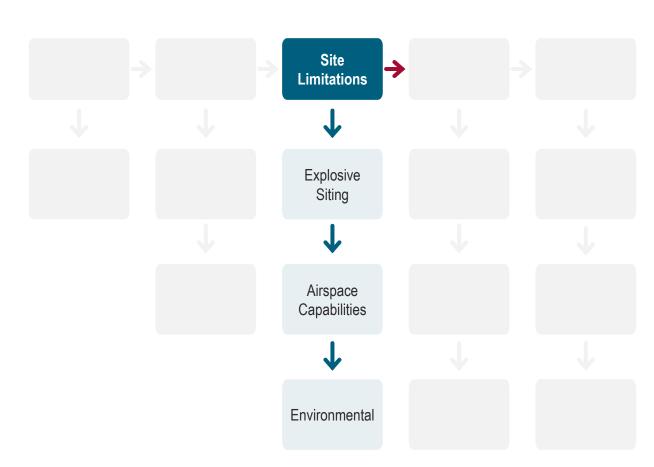
# 30% Completion ~ Mid October

- Baseline Infrastructure
- Initial Site Selection Criteria
- Potential Site Locations
- Site Selection Criteria
  - Phase 1



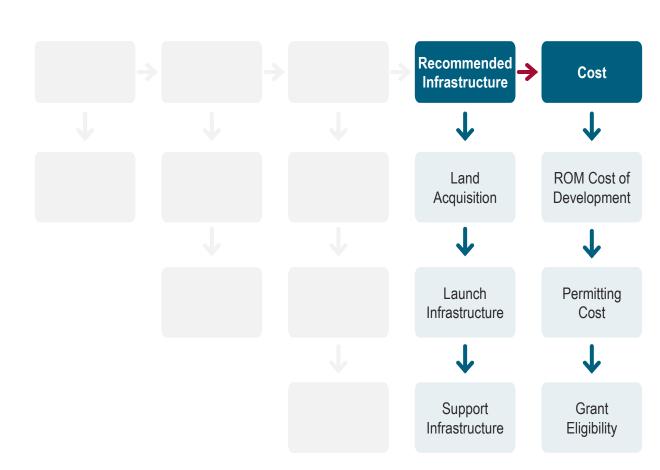
# 70% Completion ~ Mid December

- Additional site selection criteria
- Reviewing Site Potentials
- Site Selection Criteria
  - Phase 2



# 90% Completion ~ End of January

- Final Site Selection Criteria
- Final Site Selection Recommendations



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# INDUSTRY TRENDS

### **INDUSTRY TRENDS**



#### **Growth of Aerospace Industry**

Advancements in technology and commercial space demand



#### **Development of Spaceports**

 New spaceports across the US support diverse launch vehicles and reentry operations with robust infrastructure



#### **Emerging Space Technologies**

- Reusable launch systems
- Small satellites
- Autonomous flight control
- Medical advancement
- Energy advancement

### **INDUSTRY TRENDS**

#### **Long-Term Outlook**

- Space Foundation and PwC project global space economy of \$2 trillion by 2040
- Increased launch cadence and demand outpacing available infrastructure
- Spaceports as drivers of local economy (ie advanced manufacturing, payload processing, research/innovation hubs)

#### Fluid Legislative Environment

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Tax exemption for spaceport facility bonds
- Broad definition for spaceports
- Executive Order to streamline approvals ("Enabling Competition in the Commercial Space Industry"



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# ECONOMIC IMPACT

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

#### **Houston Spaceport / Ellington Airport**

8,500+

\$2 BILLION+

Jobs

**Annual Economic Impact** 

# Cecil Airport and Spaceport / Otto Aerospace, Jacksonville, FL

#### **1,200 JOBS**

for Phantom 3500 manufacturing hub

#### \$20 MILLION

Revenue enhancement grant

#### **\$34.9 MILLION**

Incentive Package

#### **\$430 MILLION**

in Corporate Income Tax Credits (CITC) and High Impact Performance Incentive (HIPI) grants

Ryan Wood, Hines' Managing Director, emphasized the timing and strategic importance of this development.

"As the aerospace industry rapidly commercializes and privatizes, with projections of over \$1 trillion in annual sales by 2040, creating a top-tier logistics hub for aerospace companies is essential,"

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Space Coast Innovation Park / Exploration Spaceport, Titusville, FL

**450 ACRES, 3 MILLION SQ FT** 

of industrial development with direct access to NASA Causeway Bridge and KSC

Colorado Air and Space Port, Adams County, CO

**\$213 MILLION** 

1,000+

in total business revenues in 2023

Jobs

**\$130.4 MILLION** 

in value contributed to the state's economy



# COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT

### SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

Public meetings and gathering community input

# **Branding and Communication**

Branding creates public messaging/graphics that conveys the project vision

#### **Collaborative Planning**

Partnerships with local governments, FAA, and stakeholders

# **Education and Workforce Development**

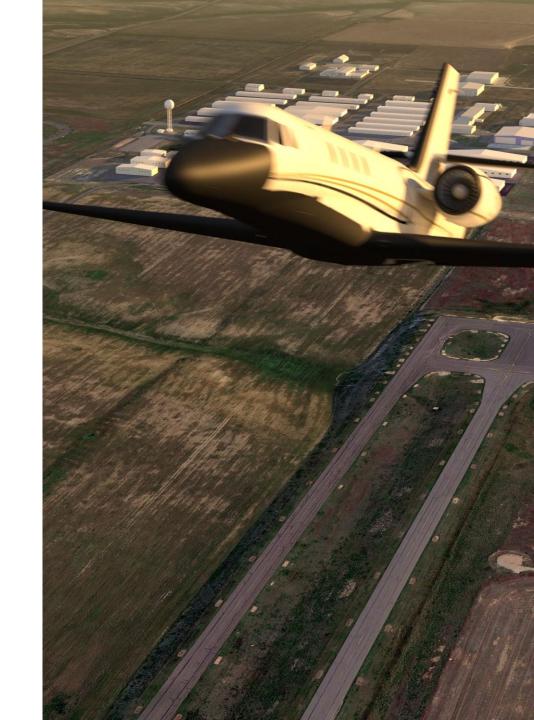
Explore opportunities to grow local talent and foster innovation in aerospace sector.

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# NEXT STEPS

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Project Kickoff
- Complete the Planning Study
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Apply for Additional Grant Funding
- Begin NEPA Procedure
- Further Coordination with FAA and Permitting Procedure



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# Questions?