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Spaceport Camden Launches Forward

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – November 6, 2015 – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation issued a Notice of Intent on November 6, 2015 to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting in Camden County, Georgia.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA is preparing an EIS for the Camden County Board of Commissioners' proposal to construct and operate Spaceport Camden, a commercial space launch site. The proposed launch site is located in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia, approximately 11.5 miles due east of the City of Woodbine, Georgia.



The EIS will consider the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and reasonable alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. Based on comments received during the scoping period, the FAA may analyze additional alternatives. However, at this time, the alternatives under consideration include the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action is for the FAA to issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners that would allow the County to offer the commercial space launch site to commercial launch providers to conduct launches of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class, orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles.

County Administrator Steve Howard said, "I'm thrilled with this announcement of reaching another milestone on this important community project. The results of the EIS will give us critical facts and analysis on potential impacts and ensure there are no unintended consequences on our local citizens."

To help determine the scope of the EIS, the FAA will be hosting a public scoping meeting at the following date, time, and location:

Monday, December 7, 2015

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Camden County Public Services Authority Recreation Center

Community Room

1050 Wildcat Drive

Kingsland, Georgia 31548

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The meeting format will include an open-house workshop from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During the open house, there will be a table with comment forms for writing your comments, or you may speak to the stenographer who will record your comments. The FAA will provide an overview of the environmental process from 6:00 PM to 6:15 PM, followed by a public comment period from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM. During the public comment period, members of the public may provide up to a 2-minute statement. The FAA will transcribe oral comments.

Comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process should be mailed to: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS, c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments can also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

All comments received during the scoping period, whether provided in writing or verbally, will be given equal weight and will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

More information on the proposed project and the NEPA process is available on the project website at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

About Spaceport Camden: Our Vision is to develop a successful world class spaceport through a public-private partnership that establishes Camden County as the Commercial Space Center of the United States. Our Mission is to create the premier spaceport strategically positioned to provide economic diversity with a competitive advantage for the space sector, Camden County, the State of Georgia and the United States of America. For more information please view our website at www.SpaceportCamden.us.

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