



May 4, 2012

Federal Aviation Administration  
Commercial Space Transportation  
AST-100, c/o Ms. Julie Price  
800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20591

**RE: FAA/AST STIM Grant – Environmental Impact Study for Front Range Airport**

On behalf of the Colorado Space Coalition (CSC), this letter is in support of Front Range Airport's FAA/AST Space Transportation Infrastructure Matching (STIM) grant request for an Environmental Impact Study.

The CSC represents more than 40 aerospace industry stakeholders in Colorado, including the region's major aerospace and defense companies: Ball Aerospace, Boeing Company, ITT Exelis, Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon Company, Sierra Nevada Corporation and United Launch Alliance. Other CSC partners include space-based military installations, higher education institutions, several regional chambers of commerce, and economic development agencies.

The CSC's goal is to further grow Colorado as a center of excellence for space, and is a core supporter of efforts to develop Front Range Airport as Spaceport Colorado. The CSC strongly believes Spaceport Colorado will successfully leverage the region's many existing assets – and drive further growth - in the commercial space arena, and prove to be a valuable national asset in the future growth of commercial space transportation.

We are therefore pleased to support Front Range Airport's STIM grant request for an Environmental Impact Study, and are committed to assisting the Study through outreach efforts with the CSC membership and partners, as required.

The Colorado Space Coalition congratulates Front range Airport, designated as Spaceport Colorado, for submitting this proposal, and we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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