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## **EDC announces Florida's Space Coast chosen as finalist for U.S. Space Command Headquarters**

*U.S. Air Force will choose from six locations nationwide in early 2021.*

**Space Coast, FLA (November 19, 2020)** - The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) today received confirmation from the U.S. Department of the Air Force (USAF) that Brevard County's bid to host the new U.S. Space Command Headquarters will advance to the final round. The USAF received nominations from 26 states and narrowed the candidates down to six communities.

The EDC led the response to the USAF request for extensive information about the community's ability to host the joint combatant command, working closely with Space Florida, the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, Brevard County and other strategic partners.

"Florida's Space Coast is the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century answer for what will give our nation and warfighters the edge on this 21<sup>st</sup>-Century battlefield," said EDC President and CEO, Lynda L. Weatherman. "Our unmatched quantity and quality of defense, civil and commercial space assets and expertise offer U.S. Space Command the agility, innovation and boldness needed to project spacepower."

"Florida's defense and aerospace ecosystem provide unique opportunities that would benefit USSPACECOM," said Frank DiBello, President and CEO of Space Florida, "and I am pleased that the U.S. Air Force has identified that capability with Brevard County's selection in the down-select process for its headquarters. Space Florida applauds today's announcement and looks forward to working with the State of Florida, the Air Force and our local partners in continuing this effort."

During the next phase, the USAF will conduct both virtual and in person visits with candidate locations in anticipation of a decision in early 2021.

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## **About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast**

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) 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).