

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST

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## Boeing, Air Force To Locate Spacecraft Program at KSC

*Operation will handle landing, recovery, refurbishment and launch of X-37B*

**Brevard County, Fla. (January 3, 2014)** – The Boeing Co. and the U.S. Air Force will locate their X-37B orbital test vehicle program at Kennedy Space Center, further reinforcing the region's status as the premier hub for space activities and growth, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is pleased to announce.

The program, to be based at a former Orbital Processing Facility at KSC, will allow Boeing and the Air Force to land, recover, refurbish and relaunch the 29-foot-long, unmanned space vehicle.

The program will generate high-tech engineering, manufacturing and support jobs.

"Boeing's choice to further expand its presence on Florida's Space Coast validates the state's position as a leader in aerospace. The company's investment and the jobs created add to this extensive sector," said Gray Swoope, president and CEO of Enterprise Florida. "We are proud to have Boeing as a corporate leader in the state and we look forward to our Florida workforce being a part of the company's future success."

Financial and employment details are not being disclosed.

The X-37B operation joins more than 2,000 other aviation and aerospace companies operating in Florida who together employ 87,000 people.