

# HOUSTON

Space City

NASA's Johnson Space Center has made Houston the epicenter of human space exploration for over 50 years. Today, some of the sharpest minds in aerospace, life sciences and energy are charting a vibrant future for Houston centered around one of the world's only truly urban commercial spaceports and a burgeoning commercial space sector.



## Case Studies: Aerospace & Aviation



Axiom Space will build a 14-acre headquarters campus in Houston to develop its Axiom Station, the world's first free-flying, private space station. The new campus, will accommodate Axiom Station modules as well as terminal space to house private astronauts, operations, engineering and related activities. The campus is being built on the first phase of the Houston Spaceport.

**1,000+**  
jobs

**\$2B**  
capital investment

**322,000**  
square-foot facility

“ The Houston Spaceport, with its infrastructure and benefits as well as its co-location at Ellington Airport, represents an ideal headquarters location for Axiom. The opportunity to build high-bay hangers where we can assemble the Axiom Station while simultaneously training our private astronauts for missions gives us the flexibility we need as we build the future of commercial space. ”

- **Mike Suffredini**, CEO, Axiom Space



Houston Spaceport broke ground in 2019 as one of only 10 FAA-licensed commercial spaceports in the world, clearing the way for commercial space flight in Houston. Co-located at Ellington Field less than 20 miles south of Downtown Houston, the Houston Spaceport is a joint agency base representing all 7 branches of the military and a strong NASA presence. In addition to serving as a launch and landing site for suborbital, reusable launch vehicles, the Houston Spaceport offers laboratory office space, including technology incubator space and large-scale hardware production facilities.

**2,400**  
jobs

**\$18.8M**  
capital investment

**300**  
acres

“ We had a vision of Houston Spaceport bringing together a cluster of aviation and aerospace enterprises that would support the future of commercial spaceflight. Today, we have an urban center for collaboration and ideation, a place where the brightest minds in the world can work closely together to lead us into the next frontier of space exploration. ”

- **Mario Diaz**, Aviation Director, Houston Airport System

### Aerospace Innovation Hub

The Ion, which serves as the anchor of Houston Innovation District, was awarded \$1.4 million in federal funding for a partnership with NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) and DivInc to create its Aerospace Innovation Hub (ASCI-Hub). The hub will support and develop regional minority business enterprises (MBEs) that address aerospace-related challenges and provide NASA's expertise and resources as well as community events, education and training, and an accelerator program.

“ As Houston was critical to landing men on the moon in the late-'60s, the Ion's Aerospace Innovation Hub will be key not only to advancing the future of spaceflight, including the mission to Mars in the future, but also to tackling challenges facing our everyday lives here on Earth. ”

- **Jan E. Odegard**, Interim Executive Director, The Ion

The Greater Houston Partnership assists companies in site selection analysis, incentive evaluation and application, aid in the permitting process, provide key data on business facilities, and help connect with civic, industry, and ecosystem leaders.

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