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**New Members Join Next Step in Space Coalition**

***Diverse group of businesses and organizations unite in support of Commercial Human Spaceflight in Sustaining U.S. Capabilities after Shuttle Retirement***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – August 4, 2009 – The Next Step in Space Coalition, a group of businesses, organizations, and people working to ensure the future of US human spaceflight, announced today that its membership has grown to include a diverse set of businesses and organizations, including Google, Inc., Analytic Graphics Inc., the Space Coast Economic Development Commission and the National Space Society.

With its new members, the Next Step in Space Coalition now includes large aerospace companies like Sierra Nevada Inc., Analytic Graphics and SpaceX, as well as smaller companies such as Odyssey Moon and Space Adventures. Also pledging their support are space related organizations including Space Florida and the Commercial Spaceflight Federation.

To date, more than 20 businesses and organizations have joined the Next Step in Space Coalition, which was established to educate government officials and the general public on the current role of commercial companies in space transportation and the potential role of commercial companies in the future of human spaceflight.

To see the full list of the Next Step in Space Coalition members and learn more about the importance of commercial spaceflight please visit [www.NextStepInSpace.com](http://www.NextStepInSpace.com). Become a fan and show support for commercial spaceflight on the Next Step in Space Facebook fan page at [www.facebook.com/nextstepinspace](http://www.facebook.com/nextstepinspace) and follow on Twitter @NextStepinSpace.

**About the Next Step Coalition**

The Coalition is a group of businesses, organizations, and people working toward making commercial human spaceflight a reality. Investment in commercial space will allow for full utilization of the International Space Station, enable NASA to focus its efforts beyond low-Earth orbit, and ensure that taxpayer dollars are reinvested in the US and not spent overseas. Visit us at: [www.nextstepinspace.com](http://www.nextstepinspace.com).