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11,800 Direct Jobs to Result From NASA's \$6.1 Billion Commercial Spaceflight Investment, Independent Analysis Shows

By John Gedmark, April 13th 2010

Washington, D.C. – Newly released results from The Tauri Group, an independent, analytic consulting firm based in Alexandria, Virginia, reveal that the new NASA Commercial Crew and Cargo Program funding in the President's FY2011 Budget Request will result in an average of 11,800 direct jobs per year over the next five years, nationwide. The Tauri Group study was commissioned by the Commercial Spaceflight Federation for an objective estimate of jobs resulting from NASA's proposed spending of \$5.8 billion on Commercial Crew and an additional \$312 million on Commercial Cargo from FY2011 to FY2015. Details of the study can be found on the Tauri Group website at www.taurigroup.com.



Bretton Alexander, President of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation, stated, "The Tauri Group's analysis indicates a peak of 14,200 direct jobs in FY2012 will result from the design and development of capsules to take astronauts to and from the International Space Station, 'human rating' of rockets, upgrades to launch infrastructure at Cape Canaveral, launch vehicle manufacturing, and demonstration launches during the development phase."

The Tauri Group study used a government economic impact model developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and provides average job figures resulting from the assessment of over 50 possible program competition outcomes. The job figures considered only the proposed new NASA funding of \$6.1 billion under the Commercial Crew and Commercial Cargo budget lines, so the job figures do not include additional private investment above the NASA funding. Additionally, jobs created by operational flights of commercial crew vehicles following their development were not included in this study, nor were activities funded under the existing Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) program funding of \$500 million and the follow-on operational cargo flights to the International Space Station under the \$3.5 billion Commercial Resupply Services (CRS) program. Indirect and induced jobs in the communities surrounding these activities were also not included, with only direct jobs being counted.

The Tauri Group study results can be downloaded from the Tauri Group website at <http://taurigroup.com/graphics/snapshots/DERPCCCEPBR.pdf>.

About The Tauri Group

The Tauri Group is an innovator in analytical consulting, applying creative, responsive problem-solving to homeland security, defense, and space enterprises. Government agencies and multinational contractors trust The Tauri Group's objectivity and vision. They know The Tauri Group brings the leading minds in homeland security, technology, aerospace, arms control, public health, and more to tackle issues with no easy answers. The company is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. *For more information on the Tauri Group study, please visit www.taurigroup.com or contact lead analyst Paul Guthrie at The Tauri Group at 571-303-2165 or paul.guthrie@taurigroup.com, or managing partner Carissa Christensen at 703-647-8079.*

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The mission of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF) is to promote the development of commercial human spaceflight, pursue ever higher levels of safety, and share best practices and expertise throughout the industry. The Commercial Spaceflight Federation's member companies, which include commercial spaceflight developers, operators, spaceports, suppliers, and service providers, are

creating thousands of high-tech jobs nationwide, working to preserve American leadership in aerospace through technology innovation, and inspiring young people to pursue careers in science and engineering. For more information please visit www.commercialspaceflight.org or contact Executive Director John Gedmark at john@commercialspaceflight.org or at 202.349.1121.

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