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The Tauri Group Awarded \$6.2M Contract from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to Support Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST)

Alexandria, Virginia– The Tauri Group, LLC is pleased to announce that it was awarded a \$6.2 million contract for analytical services from the FAA’s Office of Commercial Space Transportation. Under this contract the Tauri Group will provide commercial industry analysis to include launch reporting, market analysis of launches and payloads, and maintenance of the Space Transportation Analysis and Research (STAR) database. In addition, Tauri will support the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC), and provide an ongoing capability to analyze the economic, technical, and market-related factors and trends shaping the development of domestic and international space launch industries.

“The Tauri Group is known for its rigor and objectivity and we are proud that AST selected us to help fulfill their mission,” said Carissa Christensen, The Tauri Groups Managing Partner. “We have brought together leading experts in the commercial space industry, creating a diverse team excited by the opportunity to provide integral support to one of the nation’s premier agencies.”

The Tauri Group, an innovator in analytical consulting, applies creative, responsive problem-solving to space, homeland security, and defense. 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 Tauri Group was also named a 2010 Fantastic 50 recipient by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, a 2009 Great Places to Work by *Washingtonian* magazine, a Fast 50 Government Contractor in 2009 by *Washington Technology* magazine, 2008 Contractor of the Year (less than \$25 million in revenue) at the Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards, and a recipient of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate Under Secretary’s Award for Outstanding Contractor Support in 2005.

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FAA AST is the US Government office that regulates and licenses the U.S. commercial launch industry to ensure public health and safety; and protect national security and foreign policy interests of the United States during commercial launch operations. In addition, the FAA encourages, and promotes commercial space launches and licenses launch and reentry sites