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## **Andrew Nelson joins Spaceport Camden Project Team**

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – July 14, 2015** – The Camden County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator Steve Howard are pleased to announce the recent addition of Andrew Nelson to the Spaceport Camden Project Team. Nelson is a recognized leader in the commercial space sector with a diverse background leading innovative entrepreneurial space companies, the development of new regulatory environments for the industry and working with governments on the formation of spaceports and operational sites for the industry.



Mr. Nelson has over 25 years of aerospace experience as an engineer, aviation regulatory specialist, and corporate strategist. Through a professional services agreement, Nelson will assist the County Administrator and Board of County Commissioners with subject matter expert(s) to oversee the day to day management and coordination of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and spaceport development activities.

County Administrator Steve Howard stated, "I'm thrilled Mr. Nelson will be joining the Spaceport Camden project team. He brings a wealth of experience and will add significant value on our collective efforts to make this project a reality. He shares the Spaceport Camden Vision of developing a successful world-class spaceport that establishes Camden County as the premier commercial spaceport in the United States."

Upon his graduation from Ohio University, where Nelson earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, he worked at Cape Canaveral for three years. His time there was spent on the integration of GPS and inertial navigation systems on classified missile tracking platforms, designing the new range safety display system at the Cape's Range Control Center (RCC) and

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upgrading and certifying for use the Launch Pad Lightning Warning System (LPLWS) at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center (KSC) and USAF’s Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Nelson spent the next twelve years working at MITRE Corporation and Booz Allen & Hamilton leading globally-focused aerospace technical and strategy teams from offices in Boston, London and Paris.



In 2008, Nelson became Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Business Development at XCOR Aerospace and later was named the President of this leading commercial space company, before starting his own firm in 2015. While at XCOR he was responsible for all business aspects of the company including the creation and implementation of the “space vehicle wet lease” the first of its kind in the space industry, business development, operations and regulatory development. He also led fundraising, M&A, and corporate and spaceport site selection/development processes.

Nelson is excited about the opportunity to work with Camden County noting, “The Camden County site is unique along the Eastern seaboard due to its size, general suitability for space launch, and historical use as an aerospace rocket test center and industrial processing facility. I am very pleased to be able to help the team of forward thinking leaders in the county and Georgia move the project ahead with the other local, state and federal stakeholders from government, private industry, the community and educational institutions.”

Nelson graduated with his MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management, with a dual focus on Finance and Entrepreneurship. We are certain he will be a tremendous asset to the Spaceport Camden Project. Please join us in welcoming him aboard.

For additional information on Spaceport Camden, please visit our website at [www.SpaceportCamden.us](http://www.SpaceportCamden.us) or call 912-510-0464.

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