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Camden County Creates Spaceport Camden Education and Workforce Subcommittee

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – July 3, 2018 – At their June 26, 2018, regular meeting, the Camden County Board of Commissioners created a new Education and Workforce Subcommittee of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee. The Education and Workforce Subcommittee will be comprised of local educators, university and technical college representatives, and aerospace experts.

“Now that the environmental subcommittee has submitted its comments on the Spaceport Camden Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we are moving to a new phase in the project,” said County Administrator and Spaceport Camden Project Lead, Steve Howard. “We’ve received significant interest from the space industry in our project and it is imperative that we begin the process of addressing their future hiring needs,” added Howard.

The Spaceport Camden Education and Workforce Subcommittee will work closely with K-12 educators in the school districts across southeast Georgia as well as the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia to encourage STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and develop curricula that supports future spaceport users.

“We’ve heard from local educators about the tremendous STEM value Spaceport Camden offers our students and we want to ensure we are maximizing those opportunities. In addition, our Technical Colleges are an important part of the Spaceport Camden equation,” added Howard. “Launch vehicles are complex machines that must

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be built to the highest tolerances. As much as we need the best aerospace engineers from Georgia Tech, we also need the best welders and machinists from Coastal Pines Technical College.”

Education and Workforce Subcommittee members will be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners in the coming weeks. The subcommittee will develop a list of recommendations that Camden County will share with elected and appointed officials at local school boards, the Georgia General Assembly, and the University System of Georgia.

More about Spaceport Camden: Our Vision is to develop a successful world class spaceport through a public-private partnership that establishes Camden County as the Commercial Space Center of the United States. Our Mission is to create the premier spaceport strategically positioned to provide economic diversity with a competitive advantage for the space sector, Camden County, the State of Georgia and the United States of America. For more information, please view our website at www.SpaceportCamden.us.

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