



## 2012 Space Florida Legislative Accomplishments

### SPACE RELATED BUDGET ITEMS

- **Space Florida budget**
    - Continue to fund Space Florida at the Governor's budget request level.
      - **Governor signed budget including \$10 million for Space Florida**
        - **These funds also included \$4 million in recurring general revenue**
          - a. 2313 SPECIAL CATEGORIES  
GRANTS AND AIDS - SPACE FLORIDA  
FROM STATE ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND . . . . 10,000,000
- **Space Infrastructure Funding**
  - \$15 million was included in FDOT's strategic intermodal system for spaceport infrastructure
    - This was done through three specific projects at \$5 million each
  - **Included as part of Budget. Needs to be signed by Governor**
- **Space Exploration Research Institute**
  - \$5 million annually will be appropriated to FIT for the purpose of creating a Space Exploration Research Institute
  - Language states Space Florida shall collaborate with FIT on development a plan for this institute
  - **Included in HB7099 which was passed by Legislature.**
    - *Doesn't take effect until July 1, 2013*
- **Space Coast EDC**
  - \$10 million in FY2013 will be appropriated to the Space Coast EDC for the purpose of developing and implementing an innovative economic development program for promoting research and development, commercialization of research, economic diversification, and job creation
  - **Included as part of Budget. Needs to be signed by Governor**
    - SECTION 76. (1) For purposes of this section, the term "Disproportionally Affected Community" means those communities and municipalities in Brevard County in close proximity to the Kennedy Space Center, including but not limited to Titusville, Cocoa, Rockledge, Eau Gallie, Cape Canaveral, Satellite Beach, Merritt Island, Cocoa Beach, Melbourne and Palm Bay.
    - (2) There is appropriated for the 2012-2013 fiscal year the sum of \$10 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Economic Opportunity. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall use these funds to execute a contract for \$10 million, with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast for the charitable purpose of developing and implementing an innovative economic development program for promoting research and development, commercialization of research, economic diversification, and job creation in a Disproportionally Affected Community.



## SPACE RELATED POLICY

- **Space Direction for FDOT** – Bill helps to institutionalize the process of doing spaceport projects for FDOT
  - *Sponsored by Senator Benacquisto and Representative Workman*
  - Legislation specifically defines “launch support facilities”
  - **SB643 was signed into law by the Governor**
  
- **Cecil Field as Spaceport Territory** – Legislation adds Cecil Field and surrounding area as spaceport territory
  - *Sponsored by Senator Wise and Representative Ray*
  - Allows Space Florida to include in master planning efforts
  - Would allow for space-specific infrastructure upgrades to Cecil
  - **HB59 was passed by the Legislature and is on the Governor’s Desk**
  
- **Economic Development Reorganization “Glitch”**- Fixes issues from last year
  - *Sponsored by Senate Commerce and Representative Nehr*
  - Adds Governor or designee as voting member and chair of Space Florida board
  - Removes Space Florida Advisory Council
  - **HB7041 was passed by the Legislature and is on the Governor’s Desk**
  
- **Florida Administrative Register** – Would make FAW an online only publication
  - *Sponsored by Senator Garcia and Representative Brandes*
  - By making an online FAW an online publication, this bill should shorten the time period necessary to notice board meetings
  - **HB541 was passed by the Legislature and is on Governor’s Desk**
  
- **Public Records Exemption Renewal** – Renews the current economic development exemption to Florida’s public records laws
  - *Sponsored by Senate Commerce and House Government Operations*
  - Keeps the 12 month + 12 month exemption
  - Adds that “once a final project order for a signed economic development agreement is issued” then public records information must be released within 180 days
  - Average wages no longer protected information
  - **HB7115 was passed by the Legislature and is on the Governor’s Desk**