



## 2013 Space Florida Legislative Priorities

- **Space Florida budget**
  - Continued funding for business development and operations
    - \$10 million request
      - \$4 million of which is currently funded in recurring GR
    - Same level as funded in 2010, 2011, & 2012
  - Dedicated Financing Fund for Leveraging Private Sector Investment
    - \$10 million request
    - Funded at \$10 million in 2010
      - These funds created approximately 560 jobs already and have the potential for around 1,600 by 2015
      - This is Space Florida's best "tool"
  - Continued FDOT spaceport project funds
    - Specific projects are included and vetted by Governor's office, Space Florida, and FDOT to drive space economic development
    - This will be the third year space infrastructure projects are included in the 5-year work program
- **Codifying Space within FDOT**
  - *Sponsored by Senator XXX and Representative XXX*
  - Language is part of the Transportation Package
  - Legislation would institutionalize a spaceport funding mechanism within FDOT, something previously missing
    - Create minimum annual funding levels
  - Creating guidance would allow for rules specific to space industry
    - Allow for non-state in-kind match
    - Waiver of match for national security projects
  - Creates backstop to leverage more private sector funds with Space Florida financing
  - Projects would be recommended by Space Florida and approved by FDOT
- **Removal of Per Company Caps on QTI/QDSC**
  - *Sponsored by Senator XXX and Representative XXX*
  - Removes the per company caps on QTI/QDSC Programs
    - Cap is currently set at \$7 million
  - Multiple companies in the aerospace industry set to hit the cap
  - Companies use these incentives to lower their bids for federal programs
  - Passed by Florida House in 2012 session
    - On HB7069