# **Partnering and Supporting Organizations**

ACE Clearwater Enterprises

Aerospace Corporation. The

Allan Hancock College

Antelope Valley Board of Trade

Antelope Valley College

Bay Area Economic Forum/

Bay Area Science Infrastructure Consortium

Boeing Company, The

California Council on Science & Technology

California Manufacturing Technology Consulting

California Space Authority

California Space Education & Workforce Institute

California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo

California Troops to Teachers

California Workforce Association

Cerritos College/Center for Applied Competitive Technologies

Chabin Concepts

City of Lancaster, Lancaster University Center/The Aerospace Office

City of Lompoc Economic Development Office

College of the Canyons

Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley

Economic Vitality Corporation of San Luis Obispo County

El Camino College

Employment Development Department,

Labor and Workforce Development Agency, State of California

Employment Training Panel, State of California

Garvey Spacecraft Corporation/

California State University, Long Beach

Golden Capital Network

Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance

Hannover Fairs USA, Incorporated

Kelly Space & Technology, Incorporated

Kern Economic Development Corporation

L5 Performance Systems

Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company

Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

Los Angeles City Workforce Investment Board

Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board

Mains Associates

Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA)

Mission Community Services Corporation/Women's Entrepreneurial Ventures

NASA Ames Research Center

NASA Dryden Flight Research Center

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Naval Postgraduate School Northrop Grumman Corporation

NOVA - North (Santa Clara) Valley Workforce Investment Board

Orange County Business Council

#### Orange County Workforce Investment Board

Private Industry Council of San Luis Obispo County

Raytheon Company

San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board

San Diego East County Economic Development Council/Connectory

San Diego Workforce Partnership

South Bay Economic Development Partnership

South Bay Science Foundation

South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Southern California Edison

Space Exploration Technologies

Space Information Laboratories, Incorporated

Space Systems/Loral

Stanford University/Space Systems Development Laboratory

Stauffer Communications, LLC

Strategic Vitality, LLC

Supplier Excellence Alliance

University of California, Riverside/Bourns College of Engineering

University of California, Santa Cruz, Extension

University of Southern California, Viterbi School of Engineering,

Western Regional Applications Center (WESRAC)

Ventura County Economic Development Association Workforce Development Centers of Riverside County

Workforce Investment Board of Ventura County



#### **California Space Authority**

Governed by a statewide board of directors, the California Space Authority is a nonprofit organization representing the diverse interests of the California space enterprise community in all three domains: commercial, civil and national security. As the State's designated Space Authority, CSA works closely with industry, government, academia/education and workforce entities.

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# CALIFORNIA INNOVATION CORRIDOR

## Building a Better Tomorrow Through Collaboration Today

#### The Corridor

The California Innovation Corridor is more than a geographic region that spans the length of the State. The California Innovation Corridor that runs from Alameda in the north, San Diego in the south, and the Inland Empire and Antelope Valley to the east represents a burgeoning network of 13 counties and more than 60 participants focused on heralding innovation. It is a living organism, a coalition built on collaboration, a region among 13 other regions nationally that piece by piece is addressing the puzzle of what makes innovation work for businesses, schools, R&D labs, workforce agencies, and government organizations. The solution is three-fold:

- Entrepreneurial Development
- Global Competitiveness in the Manufacturing and Supply Chain
- Creation of a New Generation of Innovators and Aerospace Technicians





In January of 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor the California Space Authority (CSA) "Workforce Transformation" proposal to secure the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grant. Through the WIRED initiative, the Corridor partners would create projects and events that encouraged innovation to thrive in the classroom environment, business development, scientific circles, and government agencies affecting America's capacity to remain a global leader on the leading-edge of new ideas, inventions, and services.

#### **WIRED**

The puzzle of successful innovation is predicated on the recognition that "global advantage" comes from regional collaborations not confined to a specific geographic area with boundaries, but linked by a highly dynamic network of participants. The WIRED grant has allowed participants to recognize that each co-participant in the network is a critical piece in achieving success through continued innovation—the creation of new ideas and services—converted into the commercialization of advanced, high-quality products and services. There are three interconnected strategies that can accelerate this wonderful process of innovation:



- Workforce Skill-Building and a Mindset to be a Life-Long Learner
- Investment and Entrepreneurial Plans
- Regional and Economic Development













### **California Innovation Corridor**

### "Workforce Transformation: Innovation Support, Industrial Rejuvenation, Talent Development"

The California Space Authority (CSA) has been selected to lead a 13 county economic region comprising the "California Innovation Corridor" to work in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, the State of California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency and its Employment Development Department and over 60 industry, workforce and economic development partners in a joint effort to drive the Corridor's entrepreneurship, global manufacturing competitiveness and 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce development. The strategies and project subjects below are included in the CSA WIRED effort. The California Innovation Corridor participants are shown on the back page.

**Innovation Support** – "Create new companies and high-skill, high-wage jobs by designing a replicable and sustainable "innovation support architecture" to increase innovation and entrepreneurship"

- Creation of an Economic Development Toolkit
- Develop 21st Century Job Profiles to define future workforce skills and needs
- Compilation of an Innovation Asset Inventory to foster innovation and entrepreneurship
- Support of entrepreneurial companies, including SBIR Phase II awardees, to identify best practices that lead to commercialization
- A pilot program set to identify and replicate an existing successful model of technology transfer from a university to the business community
- Identification of a new model for student payload rideshare on military space lift
- Establish a WIB toolkit for support of entrepreneurial companies

Industrial Rejuvenation – "Improve the international competitiveness of the region's supply chain by developing and executing a "Smart Supplier Strategy" that supports manufacturers, small businesses and entrepreneurs in adapting to the global manufacturing transformation"

- Identification of high priority supplier training needs through surveys, forums and industry input
- Characterization of "Smart Supplier" competitiveness skills
- Build a "Smart Supplier" resource for providers within the Corridor
- Development of an industry-driven community college Manufacturing Technician Training Program

**Talent Development** – "Accelerate development of a highly skilled 21st Century talent pool by creating pilot projects and activities capable of supporting a continuum of math, science and engineering education (K-U), and lifelong learning relevant to the 21st Century worker."

- Compilation of a Corporation Workforce Skills Analysis
- Unifying a Space Employer/University Consortium
- Advancing space related experiential university internships and mentoring programs
- Develop and execute an outreach of systems engineering training programs throughout the Corridor
- Organize the development of a statewide STEM education collaborative action plan
- Creation and implementation of science and math middle and high school teachers institutes
- Originate an industry-driven training program to retrain dislocated software specialists for space related computer science technician work
- Orientation of university and graduate advisors to innovation-oriented acumen through the establishment of an industry mentorship link
- Advancing the Troops To Teachers recruitment and accelerated credentialing of math/science teachers
- Establish a model university and high school mentoring program
- Foster a community college industrial technology-based degree in Mechatronics
- Produce real-world curriculum for educator conferences focused on STEM education and space science
- Develop a virtual web-based participatory "California Space Education Center" using interactive and community building Internet technology"
- Building a Learning Collaboratory of training and best practices on innovative approaches to partnerships in support of an innovation ecosystem

A full description of the California Innovation Corridor's 25 projects can be found online at www.californiaspaceauthority.org.



















