

# Symposium to focus on evolving space industry, spaceflight economy

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LAS CRUCES - The leaders of the global commercial space industry will soon meet at the 13th annual [International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight](#) in Las Cruces.

This year's theme is "Go For Purpose," focusing on maintaining continuity in the underlying purpose of the industry as more new systems begin to reach the marketplace, according to an ISPCS news release.

"Dependence on capital is no longer a barrier to entry. Expertise in capital acquisition is one more field mastered by the builders of space hardware and systems who come out to ISPCS," said Patricia C. Hynes, curator of ISPCS. "Now is the time to focus on sustaining our direction and the essential purpose of providing safe, reliable and affordable access to space for a diverse market."

ISPCS, which will take place Oct. 11-12, provides the opportunity for industry leaders, along with academia, state and federal government officials to share and deepen their common vision for personal and commercial spaceflight.

"The purpose of ISPCS is the help grow the industry, and growth requires people. The shared vision is to assure the evolution of the systems that take humans and cargo to space. The audience will hear from federal agency leaders who are partnering with the industry's purpose-driven founders and innovators. If ever there was a time and place to communicate our purpose as an industry, this is the time and ISPCS is the place," Hynes said.

ISPCS 2017 will feature 35 speakers, selected from multiple sectors in the spaceflight economy. Some of the subjects that will be covered include: factors that drive economic growth; the investment banking perspective on NASA and the aerospace industry; developing a space market through team mentality; technology's role in expanding the new low-Earth economy; the space radiation environment; operational reusability; sustainable and affordable interplanetary transportation; living and working environments of commercial space systems; vernacular architecture; and additive manufacturing in the rocket industry.

A [full list of topics and speakers](#) is available on the ISPCS website.

“When people with a common purpose come together and the setting enables relationship building, the value added of this type of conference is clear. You could stay home and watch the videos, but if you want to be in the industry, this is the conference where your role could expand,” Hynes said. “Every keynote address, panel discussion and networking opportunity gives attendees new ways to look at our end goal of getting more people into space. They leave inspired to take new action, and that is incredibly exciting as the curator, I look for this momentum and it’s there.”