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BAHEP welcomes Alpha Space Test & Research Alliance, LLC

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – Alpha Space Test & Research Alliance, LLC (Alpha Space) owns and operates the Materials International Space Station Experiment (MISSE) Flight Facility, an orbiting commercial science facility permanently installed on the exterior of the International Space Station. Alpha Space, a woman- and minority-owned company, serves the space research, testing, and materials science communities with turn-key, fixed-price services that make getting science and test elements into space, and back, as simple and inexpensive as possible. MISSE provides unparalleled access for passive and active tests and experiments in the extreme environment of low earth orbit, including continuous on-orbit data collection. Experiments are flown and retrieved every six months using robotically installed carriers and are controlled from Alpha Space’s payload operations control center in Houston.

Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, stated, “Although Alpha Space was recently founded in 2015, I have known its principals for many years and hold them in the highest regard. They are consummate professionals, and I am very pleased to welcome Alpha Space to the organization.”

Stephanie Murphy is the principal owner and board chair of Alpha Space. She also currently serves as the executive board chair of MEI Technologies, Inc. (MEIT), an advanced technology company. Alpha Space President and CEO Mark Gittleman will represent the company within BAHEP. Prior to joining Alpha Space, he was the executive vice president of Intuitive Machines, LLC and a long-time executive with Oceaneering International, Inc.

Gittleman said, “The commercial space industry is evolving so fast right now. I think that Alpha Space and MISSE are the right company and right service to help the industry, Houston, and NASA continue to move toward commercial operations in low earth orbit. BAHEP has a

rich history of supporting the aerospace community, and I look forward to a continued, mutually beneficial relationship with this great organization.”

Alpha Space employees have a long, successful track record with prior MISSE missions through work performed under MEIT. Through MEIT’s legacy contracts of over 20 years, Alpha Space personnel have safely and successfully integrated over 300 payload and experiment packages for deployment on the ISS and Space Shuttle through the MISSE-1 through MISSE-8 missions.

Alpha Space is located at 930 Gemini Ave. in Houston. To learn more, visit www.alphaspace.com or call 832.915.5401.

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