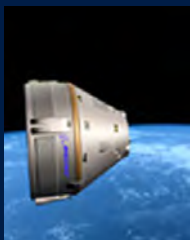


BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Boeing's CST-100



Sierra Nevada's Dream Chaser



As the space shuttle program drew to a close, numerous reporters with local, regional, and national media contacted me to get my perspective on the end of a significant era in NASA's history. In speaking with them, I often had the feeling that they were looking for a doom and gloom story about the decline of NASA and the collateral damage inflicted on the Bay Area Houston region.

They never got that story from me, because it's just not an accurate picture of what is happening. It is true that there have been a number of layoffs due to the cancellation of NASA's Constellation Program and the end of the shuttle program. Unfortunately, there will be more layoffs this year. The good news is that many of NASA's incredibly talented engineers are finding jobs within other industries like specialty chemical, oil and gas, energy, and even in the medical field.

The Bay Area Houston region and Texas have not stopped growing because of the economic downturn. We were the last state to enter into the recession, and we were the first out. Texas has become the state of choice for businesses looking to expand or relocate.

We will not stop our forward progression due to changes within NASA JSC either. Industry across the board in this state is rebounding, and it will continue to do so. Commercial space projects are gaining speed, and innovative initiatives -- like "BayTech," a 501(c)(3) consortium that will bring together academia, industry, JSC, and the State of Texas -- are underway that will utilize JSC's talent and resources. We will create jobs and retain our workforce and knowledge base, generate new revenue streams, and maximize future opportunities for the region.

Change **IS** hard, and it takes time to adjust. However, I am fully confident that Bay Area Houston still has "The Right Stuff" to continue as a shining example to the rest of the world of how you take a bushel full of economic lemons and make them into lemonade.

Best regards,

Bob Mitchell
 President
 Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

I. Business Assistance Programs

Commercial Spacecraft Contracts are Win for Bay Area Houston

On April 18, 2011, NASA selected two BAHEP member companies to move forward in the Commercial Crew Development Phase 2 (CCDev2) program to continue development of commercial rockets and spacecraft capable of safely flying astronauts into orbit and to the International Space Station. The Boeing Company was awarded \$92.3 million, while Sierra Nevada was awarded \$80 million. BAHEP provided site selection information and other support to both of these companies over the past year. Boeing reported this program will create about 250 jobs, with 150 new jobs created in Houston, to develop its new vehicle called CST-100. The number of jobs could grow with follow-on contracts. Sierra Nevada recently opened a Houston office and expects to hire about 80 additional employees as it moves forward on its Dream Chaser vehicle.



BAHEP Hosts State of the Counties Address

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Galveston County Judge Mark Henry gave state of the county addresses at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership general membership meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club on May 18, 2011. Judge Emmett discussed issues and challenges surrounding the county's finances, ports in the region, mental health care, the county jail system, and transportation infrastructure, including rail. Judge Henry talked about issues such as developing a budget for next year, redistricting, and hurricane preparedness. More than 150 elected officials and business leaders attended.



Southeast Texas Spaceport Initiative Re-visited

Bob Mitchell of BAHEP met with Fred Welch and Craig Richard of the Greater Houston Partnership and Gale Burkett, president of GB Tech, on April 5, 2011, to discuss the possibility of re-establishing an initiative to build a spaceport in Brazoria County about 40 miles south of Houston. The spaceport would be used to launch commercial rockets into low Earth orbit. Initial efforts to build the spaceport were led by the Gulf Coast Regional Spaceport Development Corp., a seven-member board of residents from Brazoria, Harris and three other surrounding counties.



Prospect Review Meeting

BAHEP staff members reviewed their projects on June 23, 2011, with city, county and member representatives, and discussed upcoming marketing opportunities and trends. Reports on economic development activities, including infrastructure projects, commercial and residential construction, transportation projects, and community services, were provided by each city and county representative. Attending the meeting: Kent Dussair, CDS Market Research; Glenn Bratcher and John Haas, GSL; Dawn Landry, Gilbane Building Co.; Pat Dando, ClearPoint Crossing; Simon Urbanic, Archer Group - ReMax; Mary Chambers, City of Nassau Bay; Paul Davis, City of Pasadena; Kristi Kelly-Lowery, Jamail & Smith Construction; David Benson and Tim Paulissen, City of League City; Allen Cruthirds and Pete Zamora, Alliance Commercial Investments; Jamie Ballard, Regions Bank; Anthony Clay, United Equities; Rob Stein, JP Morgan Chase; Mark Witte, JA Billipp; Dane Mc Kitrick, LCS Labs; Stacey Osborne, City of La Porte; Susie Allen and Jean Ann Spivey, Harris County; Gwen Wagner, CenterPoint Energy; Julie Johnson, City of Dickinson; Kevin Venable, AMOCO Federal Credit Union; Kim Fleming, Maxim Group; Karen Coglianesse, City of Webster; and Dan Seal, David Braun, Paul Chavez and Barbara Cutsinger from BAHEP. David Braun of BAHEP provided updates to the attendees on the NASA Commercial Crew Development, Phase 2 contract awards to The Boeing Company and Sierra Nevada and the NASA contract award to Lockheed Martin for development of the Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, which is based on the Orion design.



Oil and gas producers and oil and gas services continue to be strong sources of employment growth in the Houston metropolitan area.

From www.dallasfed.org, Houston Economic Update, July 2011



Municipal Officials Provide Inputs for BAHEP's Five-Year Strategic Plan

BAHEP held a workshop with state, county and municipal officials on June 22, 2011, at the NASA Johnson Space Center Gilruth Center to solicit their input for development of BAHEP's next five-year strategic plan. The feedback was excellent, and the results will be incorporated into the strategic plan, which is expected to be reviewed and approved by the board in late September 2011. (See photos on pages 8-9.)



Houston Region Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) Meeting

Paul Chavez, Barbara Cutsinger and Dan Seal attended the June 22, 2011, HREDA meeting to discuss economic developments in the region with 35 Houston area ally economic



development organizations. The agenda included the following informative presentations:

- “H-GAC Goods Movement Study,” by Christy Willhite, chief transportation planner, Houston-Galveston Area Council,
- “Houston Port Region - Freight Transportation Study and Improvement Plan,” by Chad Burke, president, Economic Alliance Port Region, and
- “A Look Back at the Great Recession, or be glad that you live in Houston,” by Patrick Jankowski, vice president, Research, Greater Houston Partnership.

Pearland Economic Development Corp. and BAHEP Discuss Collaborative Projects

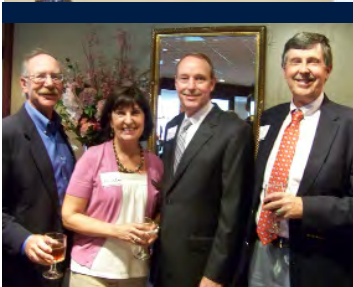
BAHEP’s Bob Mitchell and Dan Seal met twice with Pearland Economic Development Corp. (PEDC) President Matt Buchanan in April and May to discuss best practices, regional economic development, and to explore ways in which PEDC and BAHEP can collaborate on business development initiatives.



*All great changes are preceded by chaos.
Deepak Chopra*

Meeting the Demand for a Skilled Maritime Workforce

BAHEP’s Dan Seal participated in the Port of Houston Authority (PHA) Maritime Academy Committee monthly meeting on April 7, 2011, to provide guidance on PHA’s initiative to assist local school districts, community colleges and universities in developing maritime curricula. Graduates of these new programs will help fill the shortfall of skilled and professional workers in the maritime industry.



Maritime Committee Work to Unify Initiatives with Other Gulf Coast Associations

BAHEP hosted its International Maritime Advisory Committee (IMAC) meeting on April 21, 2011. IMAC is initiating development of a new three-year strategic plan, which will allow the committee to unify many of its efforts with similar initiatives in the other 12 Gulf Coast regional maritime-related associations.



BAHEP Supports CCISD Technology Magnet School Concept

BAHEP’s Dan Seal provided testimony on April 8, 2011, before the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Board of Trustees workshop on the potential opportunities that could develop in relation to CCISD creating a new magnet school focusing on technology, engineering and mathematics. The new school would target middle school students and would offer a robust program in robotics.



INSIDE CCISD Meetings

BAHEP’s Harriet Lukee participated in the Clear Creek Independent School District’s “Interested Neighbors Staying Informed on District Efforts (INSIDE) CCISD” April and May programs. INSIDE CCISD brings together representatives from the 13 municipalities that the school district serves to learn about the school district and to encourage members to become a CCISD advocate. The focus of the INSIDE CCISD April 21st meeting was CCISD’s pre-K program and how this innovative program has a far reaching impact. The INSIDE CCISD May 20th meeting was hosted at Ralph Parr Elementary where Principal Jane Kelling provided background information on the two-year-old campus. CCISD Deputy Superintendent of Business and Support Services Paul McLarty reported that the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee had completed its five-month task of helping the school district meet the current and future funding challenges while maintaining the quality of education the community expects. BAHEP’s David Braun was a member of the advisory committee.





Celebrating Wellness and Technology Festival is a Success

BAHEP's Healthcare Committee held its 2nd Annual Celebrating Wellness and Technology Festival on April 10, 2011, at Harris County's Clear Lake Park Landolt Pavilion on NASA Parkway. The purpose of the festival is to educate local residents and businesses about the wide range of healthcare facilities available in the Bay Area region. Forty-five exhibitors attracted over 250 visitors from the area. The festival sponsors were: MD Anderson, CHRISTUS St. John Hospital, Change Magazine, University of Houston - Clear Lake, UTMB Health, AMOCO Federal Credit Union, Digitex Corporation (League City), and Clear Lake Regional Medical Center.



Leadership Seminar Co-hosted by BAHEP

On May 18, 2011, BAHEP, in partnership with Express Employment Professionals, Bay Area Human Resource Management Association, and the University of Houston - Clear Lake, presented "Refresh Leadership" Live Simulcast at the University of Houston - Clear Lake. Keynote speakers Ken Blanchard, business expert, former NBA professional athlete Walter Bond, and Peyton Manning, four time recipient of the NFL's Most Valuable Player award and Indianapolis Colts quarterback, discussed the characteristics they believe make great leaders and some of the lessons they've learned about leading a team throughout their careers. Well over 100 guests were in attendance for this motivational event.



Growth in Houston's manufacturing activity remains positive. Manufacturing employment has been growing at better than 8 percent each month for the past three months on a seasonally adjusted basis.

From www.dallasfed.org, Houston Economic Update, July 2011



BAHEP Helps Celebrate Wyle's Prestigious Award

Dan Seal of BAHEP delivered comments to Wyle Integrated Science & Engineering Group employees on June 23, 2011, in recognition of Wyle receiving the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve's (ESGRs) Pro Patria Award. The prestigious award is presented annually by each ESGR Committee to the one employer in its state or territory that has provided the most exceptional support of America's national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Receiving the Pro Patria award was Group President Bob Ellis, who also serves as BAHEP's chairman of the Board of Directors.



BAHEP Helps NASA JSC Recognize High School Aerospace Scholars

Bob Payne represented BAHEP at the High School Aerospace Scholars Class of 2011 recognition event sponsored by the NASA Johnson Space Center on June 17, 2011, at the NASA JSC Gilruth Center. This educational initiative, led by NASA JSC, is in its 12th year and receives support from the State of Texas, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Rotary National Awards for Space Achievement Foundation. BAHEP members have visited the state legislators during each legislative session to remind them of the value of this program to the state's economy.

II. Marketing

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Site Selection Delegation Given Tours and Briefings

BAHEP organized and participated in all-day meetings with the site selection delegation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) on April 28, 2011. The morning sessions included tours of Ellington International Airport and the NASA JSC Neutral Buoyancy Lab complex managed by The Boeing Company. Over lunch, the delegation met with representatives from Texas Medical Center, NASA JSC,





CenterPoint Energy, Rice University, Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering Group, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, University of Houston, and University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston in a discussion about life science research conducted in the Houston region. The afternoon session included a briefing on NASA JSC's student co-op programs, JSC's new Innovation Center, and a tour of several of the facilities within JSC's engineering directorate. The day's activities culminated in an evening reception at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel, in which the ERAU decision-makers were introduced to area business and community leaders. BAHEP continues efforts to recruit ERAU's newest campus to the Houston area.



Site Consultants Briefed on Ellington International Airport

At the request of Houston Airport System, BAHEP participated in a site consultant briefing on April 4, 2011, at Ellington International Airport. The site consultants represented seven different national firms. By learning more about the amenities offered at Ellington International Airport, it is anticipated that the consultants will refer the available industrial sites to their clients. The site consultants were invited to Houston through the Greater Houston Partnership's Opportunity Houston Program in cooperation with CenterPoint Energy. The site consultants were:

- Bob Hess, Newmark Knight Frank Global Real Estate Advisors
- Dawn Baetsen, Atlas Insight, LLC
- George Francis and Neale Rath, Deloitte, LLP
- Amy Gerber, Jones Lang LaSalle
- Rebecca Truelove, Ernst & Young
- Jonathan Sangster, CB Richard Ellis
- John Castro, MAXIMUSalliance



Next to man, the porpoise is the most intelligent creature on earth.
www.greatfacts.com



BAHEP Organizes Indian Delegation Visit to the Region

Paul Chavez of BAHEP organized and led a day-long tour and discussions on June 30, 2011, of the petrochemical and energy sector for a delegation from the State of Andhra Pradesh, India, which is interested in business developments between India and Texas. The driving tour consisted of the Bayport Industrial District, the Houston Ship Channel, the Exxon facility in Baytown, and a quick visit to the NASA Johnson Space Center Rocket Park. Following the tour, Chavez arranged for Principal Secretary T.S. Appa Rao and Under Secretary B.R. Meena, Industries and Commerce Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, to have a dinner meeting with industry and community representatives, including Paul Davis of the Pasadena Second Century Corporation and Stacey Osborne of the La Porte Economic Development Corporation. The delegation's tour and related activities were coordinated with the Government of India, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, and with Dr. Balaji Singh of Chemical Market Resources.



BAHEP Participates in Ellington International Airport Briefing

At the request of Houston Airport System, Dan Seal of BAHEP participated in an onsite briefing/orientation on June 9, 2011, on Ellington International Airport for representatives from Akin Gump Struss Hauer & Feld, LLC, a law firm from Washington, D.C. Representatives included Susan Lent from Akin Gump and former Congressman Nick Lampson.



Site Visit by IEDC Coastal Tourism Technical Assistance Team

At the request of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Houston office, BAHEP was



invited to participate in a tour of the region on May 16, 2011, for a technical assistance team from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The IEDC is working with coastal counties in their efforts to revitalize the tourism industry which was impacted by Hurricane Ike. This effort is funded through a grant by the U.S. Economic Development Agency. The tour, led by BAHEP's Barbara Cutsinger, covered Harris County and Galveston communities impacted by Hurricane Ike including Kemah, Seabrook and the Port of Houston Authority Cruise Terminal and Bayport Container Terminal. The IEDC team was also shown photographs of damage to the local communities.



Attracting the Automobile Industry

Dan Seal attended a meeting hosted by the Greater Houston Partnership on April 13, 2011, which featured Michael C. Randle, owner, editor, and publisher of *Southern Business Development* magazine. Randle is an expert on recruiting automobile plants to the southern U.S. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the attractiveness of Houston as a site for a new automobile plant and to develop the next steps to begin working to attract such a facility.



BAHEP Prospect Development and Marketing Activities

BAHEP staff members participated in conferences, expos, seminars, and industry meetings to network with business leaders to develop project leads. These included:

- 2011 Houston Association of REALTORS Commercial Real Estate Expo, April 6
- CB Richard Ellis Press Luncheon, April 7
- Kuraray America, Inc. Open House and Presentations, April 18 and 19
- Gulf Coast Medical Device Manufacturers Assoc. meeting, April 20
- Texas Economic Development Council 2010 Annual Conference, April 26 - 28
- World Energy Cities Partnership Reception, May 2
- GHP Luncheon, "Texas Politics," featuring Evan Smith from the Texas Tribune, May 17
- Texas Chemical Council's Outreach Committee meeting, May 23
- Pasadena Industrial Community Network meeting, June 24
- Bay Area Commercial Real Estate Network (BACREN), June 16
- Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM) Quarterly Forum, June 23
- CHRISTUS St. John's Live Well Women's Conference, May 26



The biggest egg in the world is the ostrich egg. It could take as many as 30 chicken eggs to equal its volume, and up to 2 hours to hard boil.

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Marketing the Port of Houston

BAHEP's Dan Seal and Barbara Cutsinger met with R.D. Tanner, the new Real Estate director for the Port of Houston Authority, on April 5, 2011, to learn more about PHA's real estate assets and to develop a process to best present these assets to expanding companies. Accompanying Tanner was Keith Miceli, PHA's Trade Development manager.

Petrochemical Industry Economic Impact Study

Paul Chavez of BAHEP prepared a study of the petrochemical industry's economic impact on the region for CenterPoint Energy to use in development of its 2012 operating and marketing plan. The report was also provided to the City of Pasadena and City of La Porte to support economic development projects in these cities. Significant findings of the report were:

- Recent developments indicate that the U.S. petrochemical industry is moving in a positive direction in regard to manufacturing, sales and increased employment with the biggest factor being the increase in natural gas;





- Existing petrochemical plants have ramped up production and sales of products to the point where several companies have sold-out or over-sold product well into the first quarter of 2012;
- Employment in the business sector is reaching a point where contractors are finding a difficult time hiring qualified people to fill job orders;
- Alternative fuels are seeing a significant loss of interest from both a demand side as well as from an industry investment with a handful of manufacturing sites shutting down; and
- Pricing trends over the next 12 months for polyethylene, polypropylene, and polystyrene are expected to increase.

Texas Chemical Council / Association of Chemical Industry of Texas Employee Health & Safety Seminar

Paul Chavez of BAHEP, as a member of the Texas Chemical Council Outreach Committee, helped plan this conference, which was held in Galveston, Texas, from June 6 - June 9, 2011. More than 800 people attended this year's conference, a record attendance. Seminars covered a wide range of topics including: Employee Health; Texas vs. EPA: Greenhouse Gas and State Permitting Litigation; Houston Ship Channel Security District; Industrial Disasters - Living the Lessons Learned; and Upcoming Changes to Water and Wastewater Regulations. Chavez was recognized during the June 9th Safety Awards and Annual Banquet for his work as team leader with the Caring for Texas Safety Committee, which recognizes member companies for their performance in community awareness, emergency response, security and pollution prevention.

Marketing Bay Area Houston to Global Biotechnology Companies

BAHEP teamed with its Houston region economic development allies to market the region at the 2011 Bio International Convention in Washington, D.C., from June 27 to 30, 2011. Hosted by the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), the event drew 15,626 industry leaders from 48 states and 65 countries. BAHEP co-hosted an exhibit booth with Opportunity Houston (Greater Houston Partnership) and CenterPoint Energy. Barbara Cutsinger, representing BAHEP, met with a wide range of bio industry representatives, including bio company leaders, bio consultants, intellectual property attorneys, clinical trials firms, licensing companies, and medical intelligence specialists. Sharing the exhibit booth were: Paul Davis / City of Pasadena, Ramon Lozano / Pearland Economic Development Corporation, Dr. Christopher Frederickson / Andro Diagnostics, Inc., Glen Ferguson / ApoCell, Inc., Jacqueline Northcut / BioHouston, Tamsen Valoir / Boulware & Valoir, Marc Croijmans / City of Maastricht (Netherlands), Bob Graf / City of Missouri City, Anthony Guida / Greater Houston CVB, Wendy Burke / HOAR Construction, Bill Ramey / Novak Druce + Quigg LLP, Raymond Mouzannar / Stem Cell Reserve GP, LLC, Paul Cossum / Texas BioAlliance, Danguole Altman / Vapogenix, Inc, David Schroeder / Wharton Economic Development Corporation, and Cutsinger.

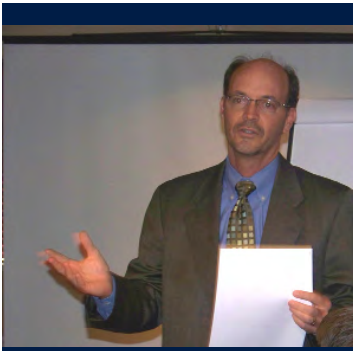
One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon-instead of enjoying the roses blooming outside our windows today.

Dale Carnegie

III. Advertising, Public Relations, and Media Communications

Bob Mitchell Interviews on Retired Space Shuttles

- Mitchell was interviewed on April 7, 2011, by James Brown, anchor/reporter for



WHIO-TV in Dayton, Ohio, about BAHEP’s efforts to get one of the retired space shuttle orbiters for Space Center Houston.

- On April 13, 2011, Mitchell was interviewed by the *Dayton Dailey News* on NASA’s decision regarding the placement of retired space shuttle orbiters.
- Mitchell was interviewed by a CBS News affiliate in Dallas/Fort Worth about New York Sen. Charles Schumer’s disparaging comments about Houston in response to a request by the Houston congressional delegation and others that the assignment of a retired Space Shuttle to New York City (rather than Houston) should be investigated.
- KUHF News interviewed Mitchell on June 27, 2011, about the 2010 NASA Authorization Act and the threat by the U.S. Senate to subpoena NASA internal documents. The Act requires the space agency to use its investments in the Space Shuttle Program and the canceled Constellation Program to develop a new launch system and crew vehicle. The goal is to have a new human-space-flight system ready for use as early as 2016.

NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs had stated, “We’re continuing to work with both houses of Congress as we move forward in implementing the authorization act’s requirements.

Mitchell responded to NASA’s position during the interview by saying, “If it weren’t for NASA headquarters, we would not be going through the number of layoffs that we’re experiencing today. NASA headquarters has continued to try to delay human space exploration and has done everything it can to put walls or barriers in the way to make sure that the programs aren’t funded at the level at which Congress directed them to fund them.”

With the retirement of the Space Shuttle Program and its final mission in July 2011, Mitchell was interviewed by numerous news organizations in the weeks prior to the launch of the last space shuttle, Atlantis, on July 8, 2011. The interviews focused on the impact to NASA and the Johnson Space Center.

Regional Print Media Featuring BAHEP

Numerous publications, including *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Bay Area Citizen*, *The Pasadena Citizen* and *The Friendswood Journal*, publish Bay Area Houston’s Business to Business update monthly as well as BAHEP news releases. Story topics include economic development news, the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, and other information relevant to the region’s business community. Copies of the most recent issues are attached and can be found on BAHEP’s Web site at: <http://www.BayAreaHouston.com/Home/NewsRoom/NewArticles/>.

Drilling activity is very strong and growing. Texas is leading the expansion of domestic activity, with strong activity in the Permian basin and Eagle Ford Shale. Dallas Beige Book, June 2011

Regional Online Media Featuring BAHEP

Guidry News Service publishes BAHEP news releases on events and services in Bay Area Houston. Guidry News Service is based in midtown Houston with offices in downtown Beaumont and downtown Galveston.

BAHEP's E-News Publications

The e-newsletter, *The Business Development Update*, produced by BAHEP four times a year, is available online and distributed to more than 2,500 commercial brokers, developers and site consultants. *The Business Development Update* includes information regarding commercial, office, industrial, residential, retail and infrastructure



development in Bay Area Houston. This publication was distributed on June 17, 2011. It can be found on BAHEP's Web site, along with archival issues, at <http://www.BayAreaHouston.com/Home/NewsRoom/BusinessDevelopmentUpdate1/>.

BAHEP's *Business Briefs* is also posted on the organization's Web site. This newsletter provides brief summaries of major BAHEP activities four times per year. The Summer 2011 and archival issues are currently available for viewing in the News Room section of the Web site.

The BAHEP Twitter feed provides up-to-date news on BAHEP and the region. Read BAHEP's tweets at www.twitter.com/bahep.



Web-based TV

YourTownTV.com, a member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, is a Web-based TV show, an "infotainment" resource.

Saturn's moon Titan has hundreds of times more oil and natural gas than all the known reserves on Earth. www.sciensational.com



IV. Preserve NASA Funding Levels

Citizens for Space Exploration Visit Congress for 20th Consecutive Year

For the 20th consecutive year, BAHEP's Citizens for Space Exploration (CSE) traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with members of Congress. From May 31 through June 2, 2011, 88 travelers from 24 states sought continued congressional support for NASA and a robust human space exploration program. Over the course of three days, the travelers divided into 25 teams and made 330 office visits. CSE is comprised of a diverse group of small and large business representatives, college students and teachers, and county/municipal officials. This year, 24 students from colleges and universities across America gathered with the group to lend their valuable support. "Last year we worked closely with our congressional delegation to ensure the passage of the 2010 NASA Authorization Act. We must continue to be diligent to make absolutely sure that this administration funds the program that Congress authorized and approved," stated Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, during the travelers briefing. Tim Kropp, MRI Technologies executive vice president and CSE trip chairman, followed up by saying, "Our many years of walking the Hill are paying off." A congressional reception was held on the Hill to recognize and thank members of Congress who have supported NASA and human space exploration. Attending the reception were: Reps. Ralph M. Hall (TX-4), Kevin Brady (TX-8), Bill Flores (TX-17), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18), Lamar Smith (TX-21), Pete Olson (TX-22) who emceed the event, Gene Green (TX-29), and Mo Brooks, (AL-5). (See photos on pages 10-11.)



Sierra Nevada Corporation Appreciation Luncheon

BAHEP staff members were guests of *Bay Area Houston Magazine* at a June 6, 2011, celebration of Sierra Nevada's contract award for the Commercial Crew Development Phase 2 (CCDev2) Program. The celebration was hosted by the magazine's publisher, Rick Clapp. Featured speakers included Congressman Pete Olson, Sierra Nevada President Mark Sirangelo, and Bob Mitchell of BAHEP. Mitchell said the Dream Chaser will help to close the gap in spaceflight capability following the shuttle program. He thanked Sierra Nevada for opening an office in Bay Area Houston "and taking advantage of the talent and knowledge that this community has fostered over the last 50 years."





BAHEP Cited for Initiatives to Bring Space Shuttle Orbiter to Region

NASA's decision not to select Houston as the home of a retired space shuttle orbiter was best addressed by Harris County Commissioner Jack Morman during an April 12, 2011, news announcement when he stated, "I want to acknowledge the citizens of the Bay Area and veterans of the NASA family who have worked so hard to bring a space shuttle orbiter home to Houston. The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership worked tirelessly during this effort. There is no shame in losing when the deck is stacked against you. This was a political decision. There is no other explanation."



BayTran Hosts NASA JSC Director Mike Coats

Bob Mitchell and David Braun of BAHEP attended the BayTran monthly meeting on June 22, 2011, to hear keynote speaker Mike Coats, NASA JSC director, talk about recent accomplishments of NASA and changes that can be expected at NASA JSC as the space shuttle program ends and new programs evolve.

Many physicists believe wormholes (a "shortcut" through space and time) exist all around us, but they are smaller than atoms.
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V. Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP)

Thirteen Small Businesses Helped in Region by SATOP

SATOP completed technical assistance to 13 small businesses in the 10-county region surrounding NASA JSC and received nine new requests for technical assistance. SATOP's Alliance Partner engineers volunteer to work with the small business owners to resolve technical challenges the companies encounter in completing the design of new products.

SATOP Informs Small Businesses about Free Technical Assistance

BAHEP staff members Bob Payne, Nick Gardner, Wesley Forbes and Lindsay Lahaug exhibited at tradeshow and made presentations to business groups to inform them of this free technical assistance program funded by the State of Texas and NASA. These included:

- Government Procurement Connection tradeshow on April 18
- Gulf Coast Medical Device Manufacturers Assoc. meeting on April 20
- Houston Inventors Association meeting on April 26
- Port of Houston Authority's Small Business Forum on May 11
- Third Annual TECH Fort Worth IMPACT Awards on May 19
- La Porte Economic Development Corp. Morning Mixer on May 25



SATOP Conducts "Lunch & Learn" for Lockheed Martin Engineers

Nick Gardner, SATOP program manager, and the SATOP staff conducted a "lunch and learn" for platinum-level Alliance Partner Lockheed Martin on June 14, 2011. Engineers and scientists learned how they can volunteer to assist small business owners seeking technical assistance.

VI. Membership

BAHEP members

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership owes much of its success to the active participation of its members. Following is a current list of our members:

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| A2B Solutions, LLC | Alliance Commercial | Al-Razaq Computing |
| The Admiral on Clear Lake | Investments Inc. | Services |
| Advantage BMW Clear Lake | Alliant Technologies Inc. (ATK) | AmegyBank of Texas |
| AeroSys, LLC | | American Acryl |





AMOCO Federal Credit Union
 Amstel Holdings, Inc.
 Anadarko Industries, LLC
 Archer Group with Remax
 ARES Aerospace and
 Technology Services
 Armand Bayou Nature
 Center
 Astrium North America, Inc.
 Astrotech Corporation
 AT&T
 Barlow Jones, LLP
 Barrios Technology
 Bastion Technologies, Inc.
 Bay Area Citizen
 Bay Area Houston
 Ballet & Theatre
 Bay Area Houston
 Transportation Partnership
 (BayTran)
 Bay Area Turning Point
 Bay Oaks Country Club
 Baybrook Mall / General
 Growth Properties Inc.
 Bayshore Medical Center
 BaySouth Maintenance
 Services Inc.
 Big League Dreams
 BLACKHAWK Management
 Corporation
 BMB Risk Management
 The Boeing Company
 Booz Allen Hamilton
 Born Wild - Innovative
 Promotions
 Bowers & Sadler, LLP
 Brady, Chapman, Holland
 & Associates Inc.
 Burrows & Curran
 Investment Group
 of Wells Fargo Advisors
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 CenterPoint Energy
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 City of Friendswood
 City of Houston
 City of Kemah

City of La Porte
 City of League City
 City of Nassau Bay
 City of Pasadena
 City of Seabrook
 City of Taylor Lake Village
 City of Webster
 CLC Properties
 Clear Creek Independent
 School District
 Clear Lake Area Chamber
 of Commerce
 Clear Lake Flowers & Gifts
 Clear Lake Regional
 Medical Center
 Coldwell Banker United
 Realtors
 College of the Mainland
 Colliers International
 Communities In Schools
 Bay Area, Inc.
 Computer Sciences
 Corporation (CSC)
 Concorde Realty
 Development
 Continental Airlines, Inc.
 Coventry Development
 Corporation - Houston
 Crowder Funeral Homes
 Ruby Cubley
 Cullen's Upscale
 American Grille
 Cypress Bay Subdivision /
 Marina Bay Village
 DB Consulting Group
 DCI Services and
 Consulting, Inc.
 Dean & Draper Insurance
 Agency, LP
 D.E. Harvey Builders
 Deke Slayton Cancer Center
 Devereux Texas Treatment
 Network
 Dickinson Independent
 School District
 Digitex Corporation
 DRDA, PLLC
 Eagle Applied Sciences, LLC
 Economic Alliance
 Houston Port Region
 EduSafe Systems, Inc.
 Encore Business
 Consulting, Inc.
 ERC, Inc.
 Excalibur Almaz USA, Inc.
 Express Employment
 Professionals
 The Eye Clinic of Texas
 Falcon Group

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 Friendswood Chamber
 of Commerce
 Friendswood Independent
 School District
 Frost Bank
 Futron Corporation
 Galveston County
 Galveston County
 Economic Alliance
 Galveston Economic
 Development Partnership
 GB Tech Inc.
 GeoControl Systems
 Gilbane Building Company
 Greater Houston Convention
 & Visitors Bureau
 Greater Houston Partnership
 The Green Event Center
 Greer, Herz, & Adams, LLP
 Gregg & Gregg, PC
 Griffin Communications
 Group
 Griffin Partners, Inc.
 GSL Welcome Group, LLC
 Guidry News Service
 Gulf Coast Limestone, Inc.
 Gulf Coast Waste Disposal
 Authority
 Gurry Mechanical, LP
 Ham, Langston
 & Brezina, LLP
 Hamilton Sundstrand
 Harborwalk Yacht Club &
 Marina
 Harris County
 Hilton Houston NASA/
 Clear Lake
 Holiday Inn Express Hotel
 & Suites Houston Space
 Center - Clear Lake
 Honeywell
 Houston Area Safety Council
 Houston Association
 of Realtors
 The Houston Chronicle
 Icon Bank of Texas, N.A.
 INEOS NOVA, LLC
 Innovative Alternatives, Inc.
 Interactive Medical
 Connections Inc.
 Intergulf Corporation
 ITT Technical Institute
 J. A. Billipp Company
 Jacobs
 Jacob White
 Construction Co.
 Jamail & Smith Construction



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
 Jennifer Whitley Interiors
 JES Tech
 J Holt Properties, LLC
 John Manlove Marketing & Communications
 The Johnson Development Corporation
 JPMorgan Chase Bank
 J & P Technologies
 JSC Federal Credit Union
 Juist, Fabio & Ward, PC
 Kaneka Texas Corporation
 Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
 Kemah Boardwalk
 Kuraray America Inc.
 L-3 STRATIS
 Lakewood Yacht Club
 La Porte Independent School District
 LCS Constructors
 League City Chamber of Commerce & Business Association
 Lexus of Clear Lake
 Lockheed Martin
 Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc.
 Logical Innovations, Inc.
 Madison Benefits Group, Inc.
 ManTech International Corporation
 Marriott
 Marsh Darcy Partners Inc.
 Martin Fein Interests
 MaximGroup
 MaxxStar / Newton Graphic and Promotional
 M & B Engineering
 McCormick Stevenson
 MDA Information Systems Inc.
 M.D. Anderson Regional Care - Bay Area
 Meador Staffing Services, Inc.
 MEI Technologies, Inc.
 Melange Catering & Fine Cuisine
 Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
 Merrill Lynch
 Mikob Properties, Inc.
 Mills Shirley, LLP
 Minuteman Press - Bay Area
 Moody Gardens Inc.
 Moody National Bank
 MRI Technologies

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 National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI)
 Neptec USA
 New Dimensions Home Healthcare Plus
 Norman Frede Chevrolet
 Null-Lairson PC
 Oceaneering Space Systems Inc.
 One Stop Party Shop
 Orbital Sciences Corporation
 Paragon Space Development Corporation
 The Pasadena Citizen
 Pasadena Independent School District
 Patriot Bank
 Payne's Plants
 Pearland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC)
 Pennington Chen Interests, LLC
 Perry's Restaurant Group
 Phillips & Company
 PM Realty Group
 Port of Houston Authority
 PrimeLending
 A PlainsCapital Company
 Quanah Technical Services
 Raytheon Technical Services Company
 Regions Bank
 Rhapsody Solutions, LLC
 The Rothe Companies: Houston Operations
 RSA Corporation
 S&K Aerospace Inc.
 SAIC
 San Jacinto College District
 San Jacinto Methodist Hospital
 Sierra Nevada Corporation
 SmithOps, LLC
 South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center
 Southwest Airlines Company
 Southwest Airport Services
 Space Center Houston
 Space City Films, Inc.
 SSCI Environmental & Consulting Services
 Star Toyota
 Staybridge Suites Houston - NASA / Clear Lake
 Sterling Bank - Clear Lake

Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies
 Stream Realty Partners, LP
 Studley Inc.
 Summit Management Group
 Teledyne Brown Engineering
 Tessada & Associates
 Texas A&M University at Galveston
 Texas Chiropractic College
 Texas Citizens Bank
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
 Bay Area Group
 Tietronix Software
 tommy's Restaurant & Oyster Bar
 Robert L. Trask
 Trustmark National Bank, Texas
 Twenty Twenty Properties, Inc.
 TXU Energy
 UHCL Center - Economic Development & Research
 United Equities Inc.
 United Space Alliance (USA)
 Universities Space Research Association - USRA
 University of Houston
 University of Houston - Clear Lake
 U.S. Development Group
 UTMB Health
 Vesco Business Products
 Waldron & Schneider, LLP
 Waste Connections of Texas, LLC
 Waste Management of Texas Inc.
 Water & Power Technologies
 Wells Fargo Bank
 West Oak Development, Ltd.
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