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BAHEP welcomes Vast, the company building next-generation space stations

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) is proud to welcome [Vast](#), as its newest member. Vast is developing the next generation of space stations to ensure a continuous human presence in space for America and its allies.

Founded in 2021 by Jed McCaleb, Vast plans to launch the Haven-1 space station in 2027. Haven-1 will carry a crew of four and will conduct scientific experiments in areas of biology and biotechnology, physical sciences, technology demonstrations, and human health. Vast intends to propose Haven-2 as a successor to the ISS under NASA’s Commercial Low Earth Orbit Development Program (CLDP) and aims to ensure uninterrupted U.S. Presence in LEO.

Brian Freedman, President of BAHEP, welcomed the company, “Vast is taking on one of the most ambitious challenges in today’s space industry, building the next generation of space stations and supporting the nation’s continued presence in low Earth orbit. Their work on Haven-1 and future stations positions them as a key contributor to the region’s space workforce and commercial ecosystem.”

Meghan Everett, Principal Scientist of Vast, stated, “At Vast, we are focused on building stations that make long-duration research and habitation in space far more accessible. Haven-1 is an important first step, and joining BAHEP allows us to connect more closely with the region’s aerospace community as we move towards launching in 2027.”

About Vast

Vast is developing next-generation space stations to ensure a continuous human presence in space for America and its allies, enabling advanced microgravity research and manufacturing, and unlocking a new space economy for government, corporate, and private customers. Using an incremental, hardware-rich and low-cost approach, Vast is rapidly developing its multi-module Haven Station. Haven Demo’s 2025 success made Vast the only operational commercial space station company to fly and operate its own spacecraft. Next, Haven-1 is expected to become the

world's first commercial space station when it launches in 2027, followed by additional Haven modules to enable permanent human presence by 2030.

Headquartered in Long Beach, California, and with more than 1,000 employees and over a billion dollars in private capital, Vast has built the facilities required to manufacture and operate America's next space station. The company plans to develop future habitats for the Moon and Mars, dedicated space stations for government partners, and other crewed systems that will unlock the expanding long-term space economy.