

PUBLIC EVENT

Examining Cosmic Connectivity

AERIAL FUTURES: The Next Frontier



A **public event** will be held to kick off **World Space Week** at **AIA Houston** on the evening of **Thursday, Oct 4** as part of the **AERIAL FUTURES: The Next Frontier** think tank taking place in **Houston** between Oct 4-5, 2018.

Expanding Houston's reputation as Space City, USA, Ellington Airport's conversion into the Houston Spaceport will reiterate the city's role as a front-runner in the space race of the 21st Century. As the most urban-centered commercial spaceport to date – Houston Spaceport is within a 15-minute drive of the central business district – this development will serve as a detonator in making Houston the most cosmically connected city in the world. Because of the Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act of 2015, the commercial sector is now driving the industry, with private investment in commercial space companies reaching a record \$3.9 billion worldwide in 2017. The implications this has on the city, its economy, and its lifestyle has not gone unnoticed, with the spaceport earning both the Houston Business Journal's Economic Deal of the Year Award and Overall Business Deal of the Year Award in 2016. **AERIAL FUTURES: The Next Frontier** brings together leading thinkers and practitioners to ask how commercial space operations and spaceports will promote economic generation and disrupt urban development impact in the 21st century.

PANELISTS

The panel discussion will be composed of leading designers and thinkers from the commercial space industry and the architecture community, including:

Chris Culbert, Center Chief Technologist at **NASA Johnson Space Center**

Ken Gidlow, Technical Advisor at **FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation**

Mario Diaz, Director of Aviation at **Houston Airport System**

Roger Soto, Director of Design at **HOK**

Marcus Martinez, Urban Design Committee at **AIA Houston** will Moderate

DATE

Thursday, Oct 4

Doors Open 6:00PM

Program Begins 6:15PM

**Free & Open
to the Public**

LOCATION

AIA Houston @ HOK

HOK Design Lab

3200 Southwest Fwy #900

Houston, TX 77027

First-Come Seating

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