Early Bird Discounted Registration Deadline Looming for the 2017 Next-Gen Suborbital Researchers Conference

Boulder, Colo. – Nov. 01, 2017 – The early bird, discounted-cost registration deadline for the 2017 Next-generation Suborbital Researchers Conference (NSRC) is November 8^{th} .

NSRC-2017 will bring together hundreds of researchers, educators, flight providers, spaceport operators, government officials, in Broomfield, Colo., just outside Boulder, Dec. 18–20.



NSRC is the premier conference for the suborbital space research and education community. NSRC-2017 follows on five previous, highly successful NSRC meetings, the first held in 2010. Information about NSRC's program, sponsors, venue, registration deadlines, and other information is available at the conference website, <u>http://nsrc.swri.org</u>. Over 20 companies and other institutions are co-sponsoring NSRC-2017.

NSRC-2017 will focus on research and education opportunities offered by humantended commercial suborbital vehicles. The conference will provide an in-depth forum for attendees to learn about how they can conduct research and public outreach using new commercial suborbital spaceflight systems.

Organized by Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) and the Commercial Spaceflight Federation (CSF), NSRC-2017 will feature invited presentations, panels, workshops, contributed talks, and numerous networking opportunities. The lead keynote speaker will be Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA's Associate Administrator for science. Other high profile speakers include former NASA Shuttle commander and Blue Origins executive Jeff Ashby, World View stratospheric ballooning CEO Jane Poynter, Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides, Griffin Communications CEO Gwen Griffin, FAA Associate Administrator for spaceflight Dr. George Nield, space angel Dylan Taylor, and NASA Associate Administrator for space technology Steve Jurczyk.

In addition to these and over a dozen other industry leaders speaking at the conference, some 60 contributed talks and posters will be given by researchers and educators in the

field, and workshops will be held by five flight providers and the NASA Flight Opportunities program.

For more information about NSRC-2017, visit <u>http://nsrc.swri.org</u> or contact Cindy Conrad at (720) 240-0126 or <u>cindy@boulder.swri.edu</u>.