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## **MICHIGAN GROWING INTO US SPACE STATE WITH SATELLITE GROUND STATION**

*With the rapid development of horizontal and vertical space launch facilities coming to Michigan, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA) is collaborating with partners like the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan National Guard, to build a command and control center to support the launch and daily operations of satellites.*

**Sterling Heights, Michigan January 28, 2020** – Today the Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association announced the start of a location search for a command and control center to manage commercial satellite operations and provide U.S. Department of Defense support to branches like Space Force. Michigan is leading Mid-America’s space efforts by creating an ecosystem of space technology, launch facilities and now a space communications ground support station. The high tech communications center will be an important growth contributor to Michigan and the surrounding region economies, serving the LEO, MEO and hypersonic space industries.

“As we continue to build Michigan’s international space influence with technology, manufacturing, and launch assets, providing a communications telemetry center will enhance our leadership growth in the space satellite industry,” said Gavin Brown, Executive Director of MAMA. “Providing a complete ecosystem of value to the commercial and DOD space marketplace is what we are building.”

The process to select the site where a Michigan satellite command and control communications center starts today. MAMA will be accepting letters of interest from communities and entities through Feb. 14, 2020. Requests for information and the requirements detailing the process will be provided to qualified applicants. Site submissions will be evaluated on a variety of technical, economic and physical factors.

“Michigan’s people and rich history of building industries that lead the US, with engineering, technology, and manufacturing expertise, creates the basis for us to be leaders in space,” said Brown.

The developing space industry in Michigan also complements its past and present leadership in the automotive industry. With satellites providing the future communications for autonomous vehicle technology, Michigan’s expansion into the space industry insures its technological edge for ground vehicles.

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### **ABOUT MAMA**

*Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA) is a member supported organization that serves the interests of Michigan’s aerospace and defense manufacturing firms with a single unified voice promoting the State of Michigan’s aerospace and defense manufacturing community within the global industry. [www.michman.org](http://www.michman.org)*