



Lynda Weatherman

President & CEO



Lynda L. Weatherman is the President & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast. She administers all operations and provides strategic direction to an organization responsible for a \$2 million budget within a 1,557 square mile area that is the Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville MSA.

Ms. Weatherman, a Florida native, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences/Education from the University of South Florida and a Masters in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her work in economic development resulted in winning a Rotarian Fellowship to the University of Hong Kong where, in 1990, she completed a second Master's degree in International and Urban Planning. While beginning her career as a teacher, Ms. Weatherman has held leadership posts with the Florida Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, and Marion County Economic Development Agency.

As President & CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast since 1994, she is responsible for the attraction of new business and investment and retention of existing industry throughout the Space Coast.

Under Ms. Weatherman's leadership, the EDC's recent accomplishments include \$1.6B in capital investment resulting from the announcement of 49 business development projects over a seven-year period (FY 10/17), the attainment of the assembly and checkout of NASA's Crew Exploration Vehicle, and facilitation of the first-ever Space Act agreement between Kennedy Space Center and an economic development organization. In the most recent year, the EDC successfully attracted OneWeb Satellites' manufacturing facility, and secured all aspects of commercial spacecraft development and launch on the Space Coast with Blue Origin's manufacturing and processing facility for its Orbital Launch Vehicle. Other recent accomplishments include the attraction of RUAG Space USA Inc., Red Canyon Engineering and Software Inc., and the expansion of Thales, and Lockheed Martin.

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