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# Spaceport Camden Project Lead Steve Howard to Judge Phase 2 of NASA Innovation Competition

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA - October 13, 2016** - As previously announced, Camden County has partnered with NASA's SPACE RACE, a competition that will launch the next generation of entrepreneurs. In Phase 2 of the competition, the thirty-three remaining teams must create a ten-page business plan as well as a pitch which will be presented via video conference. The judges, which include Steve Howard, Spaceport Camden Project Lead and Camden County Administrator, will review the "live pitches" and the winners will be announced on October 14th.

"I am excited to serve as a judge in Startup NASA's SPACE RACE and view the students' creativity and innovation first hand," said Mr. Howard. "Among the many lessons of the last 30 years in Silicon Valley, is that today's engineering students will build the tomorrow's biggest companies. And those companies are likely to change the world. The aerospace industry is built on bold ideas from dreamers that became doers and with proper incubation, it is an industry that is ripe for astronomical growth."

The SPACE RACE allows college students to meet with world-class advisors/mentors and present their inventions to industry leaders. Throughout the competition the teams presented an elevator pitch for their invention in Phase 1, a business plan in Phase 2 and will launch their startup in Phase 3. Only two finalists and one winner will move on to Phase 3 of the competition. The grand prize of the SPACE RACE is $2,500 and an opportunity to raise as much as $1.2 million in seed funding.

For more information on the SPACE RACE, go to www.space-race.org or the NASA.gov homepage.
For more information on Spaceport Camden, go to www.spaceportcamden.com.

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Our Vision is to develop a successful world class spaceport through a public-private partnership that establishes Camden County as the

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