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Space Phoenix Systems Officially Launches with Grand Opening Event in Baltimore

Space logistics infrastructure company unveils vision for routine, affordable access to space

Baltimore, MD, May 19, 2026 — Space Phoenix Systems (SPS) staged its official business launch Tuesday evening, May 19th at its 4MLK headquarters in downtown Baltimore, marking the public launch of the emerging space logistics infrastructure company.

Hosted by co-founders Andrew Parlock and Kendra Rice Parlock, the event brought together strategic investors, aerospace leaders, Maryland officials, and members of the broader innovation community for an evening focused on the future of commercial space access and in-space manufacturing.

Andrew Parlock stated, “It was an honor to see so many local and space industry dignitaries attend our corporate launch. It’s strong testimony to the support we have received since Kendra and I founded the company.”

Rice Parlock added, “Space is no longer a distant industry...there is foundational infrastructure. The question is no longer whether the space economy will shape the future, but who will help build it. I’ve spent much of my career working with Maryland agencies, and I watched with pride as Katherine Hill Ritchie spoke about why the state’s venture capital investment arm, TEDCO, chose to invest in Space Phoenix Systems.”

Space Phoenix Systems is laser-focused on overcoming two of the industry’s most significant barriers: the lack of routine round-trip access to space and the prohibitively high cost of orbital missions. According to the World Economic Forum, solving these challenges could unlock a \$500 billion market opportunity by 2035, enabling transformative breakthroughs across numerous terrestrial industries.

As part of its strategic roadmap, SPS is developing a fleet of reusable spacecraft with payload transport capabilities ranging from 60kg to 320kg, designed to support the rapidly growing in-space manufacturing sector.

Katherine Hill Ritchie, TEDCO Senior Director of Venture Funds, stated, “We invested in Space Phoenix Systems because we believed in their vision. We’re so excited to have space companies launching here in the state of Maryland. We’re very close to NASA and Baltimore is a fantastic city for startups.”

The evening also featured a fireside chat between Dr. Greg Autry — noted space policy expert and author of *Red Moon Rising* — and Space Phoenix lead investor Dr. Anna Brady-Estevez, Founding Partner and Managing Director of American DeepTech. The discussion explored the growing importance of commercial infrastructure in enabling the next era of space-based manufacturing and economic expansion.



Autry remarked, “When this industry takes off, it’s going to change life on Earth in ways few of us can imagine. It’s going to be an amazing future. What I think is that this industry will be larger than any other in the history of humankind. There’s been a lot of talk about a trillion-dollar—or even \$3 trillion—space industry, but those are linear projections. We’re going to see something much bigger and more substantial than that...”

Brady-Estevez added, “...being able to put payloads in space and truly benefit from what’s possible in microgravity. The importance of in-space manufacturing is not just getting payloads up but bringing them back down so there’s access to these products and innovations. It’s part of the broader space economy.”

Parlock concluded, “We were overwhelmed by the turnout for our official corporate launch event. The crowd energy was both electric and inspiring, and we are deeply grateful for the support we’ve received from the Baltimore community, our investors, and our industry partners.”

About Space Phoenix Systems Inc.

Space Phoenix Systems (SPS) is a space logistics company dedicated to providing easy, affordable, and timely access to space for the emerging in-space manufacturing industry. Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, with product development facilities at the University of New Hampshire’s John Olson Advanced Manufacturing Center, SPS is enabling *The Art of the Achievable* — empowering customers to realize the vast, proven potential of manufacturing in space.

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