

# SPACE ECONOMY NEWSLETTER



Recent activity in the space economy. Highlights below are courtesy of [UFO, THE PROCURE SPACE ETF](#).

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## NASA SELECTS SIX COMPANIES TO DEMONSTRATE COMMERCIAL SUCCESSORS TO TDRS

BY JEFF FOUST



Some people choose to celebrate 4/20 by getting high as a kite and indulging in copious amounts of Domino's cheesy bread. NASA decided to forgo the ganja and instead marked the occasion by awarding \$278.5 million in funding for its Communications Services Project. The six winners, Amazon's Kuiper, Inmarsat, SES,\* SpaceX, Telesat,\* and Viasat,\* will demonstrate how their satellite services can be used to replace the Space Agency's current communications constellation.

Source: [www.spacenews.com](http://www.spacenews.com)

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## AMAZON SIGNS MASSIVE ROCKET DEAL WITH 3 FIRMS, INCLUDING BEZOS' BLUE ORIGIN, TO LAUNCH INTERNET SATELLITES

BY MICHAEL SHEETZ



The rivalry for internet space supremacy is shaping up to be more competitive than a Final Four matchup. Amazon stepped up its game saying it had inked a record-breaking commercial rocket contract for 83 launches with Arianespace, Blue Origin, and United Launch Alliance (a joint venture with Boeing\* and Lockheed Martin\*). The deal is part of Project Kuiper, which aims to build a broadband internet constellation of more than 3,000 satellites in low Earth orbit.

Despite the big news and its cheaper than average antennas, Amazon won't simply be handed the W. The company is up against SpaceX, which has launched nearly 2,000 Starlink satellites, and OneWeb which has put two-thirds of its satellites in the sky.

Source: [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

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## U.S. INTEL HELPED UKRAINE PROTECT AIR DEFENSES, SHOOT DOWN RUSSIAN PLANE CARRYING HUNDREDS OF TROOPS

BY KEN DILANIAN, COURTNEY KUBE, CAROL E. LEE AND DAN DE LUCE

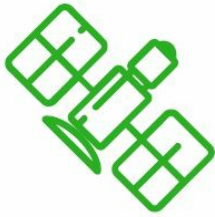


Companies such as BlackSky,\* Maxar,\* and Planet\* continue to provide the intelligence community with vital satellite imagery and data of the war in Ukraine. The U.S. was able to share this information with Ukrainian forces to help the country protect itself from Russian missile strikes and prevent a plane carrying hundreds of soldiers from attacking an airport near Kyiv.

Source: [www.nbcnews.com](http://www.nbcnews.com)

## **NRO PLANS FOR IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL SATELLITE DATA**

BY DEBRA WERNER



Recognizing the importance of maintaining and increasing the flow of data, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is partnering with commercial satellite operators for current and future projects. The NRO signed deals with companies including Airbus\*, Capella, Iceye, PredaSAR and Umbra.

Source: [www.spacenews.com](http://www.spacenews.com)

## **MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES BAGS \$202M IN US GOVERNMENT MISSION SUPPORT CONTRACTS IN Q1**

BY AKANKSHA BAKSHI



Nice work if you can get it. The U.S. Government awarded Maxar \$202 million over six years to provide geospatial intelligence and technology for national security missions.

Source: [www.benzinga.com](http://www.benzinga.com)

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## **AXIOM-1 MISSION IS A GIANT LEAP FOR ORBITAL REAL ESTATE**

BY TIM FERNHOLZ



Move over Necker Island, the International Space Station could dethrone Richard Branson's private paradise as the coveted vacation spot. Axiom Space sent the first all-private crew aboard a SpaceX Dragon aircraft to the ISS for an eight-day stay.

Axiom, along with several other private companies such as Northrop Grumman,\* Boeing,\* and Lockheed Martin,\* are seeking to build their own space stations and create tourist destinations. While these endeavors have received funding from NASA, they still remain expensive undertakings with high costs for launches and station operations.

Source: [www.qz.com](http://www.qz.com)

## **PRIVATE AX-1 ASTRONAUTS ON SPACEX CAPSULE TO MINT NFT ARTWORK IN SPACE**

BY MIKE WALL



The AX-1 astronauts didn't just kick their space boots up and sip piña coladas on the ISS veranda the whole time. The space travelers were tasked with creating digital artwork to be sold on Axiom's newly launched non-fungible tokens (NFT) marketplace.

Source: [www.space.com](http://www.space.com)

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## **STARLINK IS COMING TO HAWAIIAN AIRLINES IN A BID TO TRY AND FIX IN-FLIGHT WIFI**

BY DAVID PIERCE

From social media to the friendly skies, Elon Musk had an eventful April. Not only did he reach an agreement to become Titan of the



Tweets, but Musk's SpaceX secured its first major airline contract. Travelers on Hawaiian Airlines will receive free WiFi courtesy of the Starlink satellite network. TBD if passengers use the in-flight internet to tweet about the subpar plane food.

Source: [www.theverge.com](http://www.theverge.com)

*\*As of April 29th, 2022, Airbus (AIR FP) was a 0.83% holding, BlackSky Technology (BKSX) was a 0.58% holding, Boeing (BA) was a 2.16% holding, Lockheed Martin (LMT) was a 2.48% holding, Maxar Technologies (MAXR) was a 4.86% holding, Northrop Grumman (NOC) was a 2.50% holding, SES (SESG FP) was a 5.65% holding, Telesat (TSAT) was a 1.12% holding, Viasat (VSAT) was a 3.66% holding in the **Procure Space ETF (NASDAQ: UFO)**.*

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