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Johnson Space Center and Texas Employers Share Technologies at Innovation Summit

AUSTIN – Business executives and Johnson Space Center officials gathered today at the Innovation & Successful Partnerships Summit, a groundbreaking event designed to create public/private partnerships to share technology. To facilitate the sharing of research advances and commercialization opportunities for Texas businesses, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Johnson Space Center (JSC) and the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP), in collaboration with the Office of the Governor, Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast and the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, hosted industry executives at the BioScience Research Collaborative on the campus of Rice University in Houston.

“The purpose of this summit is to determine how the public and private sector can work together to take advantage of the extraordinary talent and technical knowledge residing at the Johnson Space Center,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken.

From freeze-dried food to robotics innovations, the space industry has long been associated with developing technologies that have applications for private industry and consumers. Executives from a diverse group of Texas businesses received information on how sharing technology and research can benefit petroleum exploration and processing; power generation and renewable energy; life sciences and health care; advanced technologies and process industries; and transportation, logistics and maritime industries.

Technology leaders also discussed developing new and evolving partnerships, set an agenda for future events to communicate the unique skills, explored technology transfer and commercialization available, and raised awareness of research available to share with university communities.

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