

# Agency Involvement

## Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority (OSIDA)

OSIDA has applied to the FAA for a launch site operator license to operate a launch site at the Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark (CSIA). In addition, OSIDA has requested FAA approval for the transfer of ownership of the CSIA from the City of Clinton, Oklahoma to OSIDA. OSIDA was founded in 1999 when the Oklahoma State Legislature signed the Space Industry Tax Incentive Act. (SB 720.SB 719) The legislation directed that OSIDA be given municipal authority to develop a 168 square mile area including the CSIA that has been established as "Spaceport Territory." OSIDA is overseen by a seven-member board of directors, which is appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma. OSIDA's mission is to

- Establish a spaceport in Oklahoma,
- Attract aerospace commerce to the state, and
- Increase educational aerospace opportunities.



Aerial View of the Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark (CSIA)

OSIDA has entered into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with several companies who have expressed a desire to locate in Oklahoma in order to operate from the proposed launch facility. The MOU, although non-binding, sets forth the intention and responsibility of each party.

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## Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST)

To operate a commercial launch facility, OSIDA must obtain a launch site operator license from the FAA AST. The license remains in effect for five years from the date of issuance unless surrendered, suspended, or revoked before the expiration of the term, and is renewable upon application by the licensee. Before a license is issued by AST, the environmental review component of the licensing process must be satisfied per the National Environmental Policy Act. This is accomplished through the preparation of an environmental determination, which becomes a part of the license evaluation. The environmental review component of the licensing process ensures that potentially significant environmental impacts of licensed space launch activities on the natural and human environment are fully considered in FAA's decision making. For more information about the FAA's licensing process, visit <http://ast.faa.gov/>.

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## U.S. Air Force

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) agreed to be a cooperating agency for the Environmental Assessment. The CSIA is an auxiliary training location for Altus Air Force Base and Vance Air Force Base. The USAF is the primary user of the CSIA for aircrew training including landing and departures. In addition, the USAF's current and future activities could be impacted by the use of the CSIA as a launch site.