SPACEX IN ACADIANA

A HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN VERMILION PARISH

SpaceX is investing **$100 billion** in Vermilion Parish to develop its largest launch facility, establishing Acadiana and Louisiana as a global hub for next-generation aerospace. The project represents the **largest capital investment in Louisiana history** and is expected to create more than 11,100 direct and indirect job opportunities across Acadiana.

ABOUT SPACEX

SpaceX develops reusable launch systems, satellite communications and human spaceflight technologies designed to expand access to space.

Today, the company operates the Falcon rocket and Dragon spacecraft fleets, runs the global Starlink satellite network, operates a frontier-level AI model with Grok, builds and operates massive compute infrastructure, is building the largest chip manufacturing facility on the planet, and is developing Starship, its next-generation fully reusable launch system.

Over the coming years, SpaceX aims to make Starship operational at scale, transforming how humanity accesses space and supporting national priorities like building a base on the Moon and the eventual human exploration and settlement of Mars.

WHAT SPACEX IS BUILDING IN VERMILION PARISH

Vermilion Parish will become **SpaceX's fourth and largest launch site** and will play a key role in increasing the frequency and scale of Starship missions.

The spaceport is planned to become the **largest in the world**, with the capacity and infrastructure to support thousands of launches annually.

At full buildout, the site is expected to include:

- Five launch complexes, each with two launch pads
- Propellant farms & propellant production facilities
- Power generation
- Vehicle processing facilities
- Residential housing for employees and their families

The project positions Louisiana at the intersection of **aerospace, advanced manufacturing, and innovation** while building on the state's longstanding industrial expertise.

Construction is expected to begin in 2027 with the first launch targeted to be as soon as 2029.

JOBS & ECONOMIC IMPACT

SpaceX is expected to create 3,000 direct new jobs over the next 10 years, with an average annual salary of $92,600 — 192% above the Vermilion Parish average wage.

Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will also generate more than 8,100 indirect new jobs, resulting in more than 11,100 new job opportunities across Acadiana.

SpaceX has entered into a local agreement that is expected to generate more than $820 million in direct payments benefiting Vermilion Parish over the life of the agreement.

A $25 million charitable donation has also been made to the Community Foundation of Acadiana to address strategic regional priorities and needs arising from the growth associated with the project.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACADIANA'S BUSINESSES & WORKFORCE

The impact of SpaceX's investment is expected to extend well beyond the company's direct employment.

SpaceX has joined **Source Louisiana**, the state's online database connecting Louisiana businesses with contract and vendor opportunities tied to major development projects. Louisiana businesses are encouraged to register, verify and update their profiles at SourceLouisiana.com to help ensure they are considered for future contracting opportunities with SpaceX and other projects across the state.

Through **Louisiana Works**, residents will be connected with customized training, college programs, and apprenticeships based on the company's workforce needs.

ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

SpaceX has proactively engaged the **Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)**, **Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)** and other appropriate state agencies to understand and address potential impacts to wildlife, fisheries and their supporting habitats.

The company plans to work with state agencies, conservation organizations and experts to:

- Avoid and minimize potential environmental impacts
- Fully mitigate unavoidable wetlands impacts
- Protect and enhance natural resources surrounding the site
- Identify opportunities to improve and restore habitat

Beyond required environmental mitigation, SpaceX has sought guidance from CPRA on opportunities to **improve hydrology, restore habitat and address coastal erosion**.

The project is not expected to impact active coastal restoration projects, and SpaceX is evaluating opportunities for voluntary shoreline restoration.

If not for SpaceX's investment, the level of support of CPRA-related projects and number of acres restored, enhanced and protected for future generation would not be achievable.

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS & RATEPAYERS

Applicable state incentives are tied to company performance. SpaceX must meet established investment, employment and other performance commitments before earning applicable incentives.

The company will cover generation and upgrades to existing infrastructure needed to serve the project **without affecting the ratepayer**.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is evaluating potential infrastructure improvements designed to **minimize impacts to the traveling public to the greatest extent possible**.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ACADIANA

SpaceX's investment represents a defining moment for Acadiana and one of the most significant economic development achievements in the region's history.

Beyond the thousands of direct and indirect jobs, the project will strengthen local businesses, create new opportunities, and positively change the economic trajectory of communities for generations.

For One Acadiana, the official announcement is only the beginning. We look forward to continued collaboration and support as we prepare our workforce, infrastructure, businesses, and communities to welcome SpaceX to Acadiana.

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