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KBRwyle to Chair SpaceCom 2018 Advisory Board

HOUSTON – [SpaceCom – The Space Commerce Conference and Expo](#) (SpaceCom), the largest commercial space conference in the world, has unveiled its 2018 Advisory Board. The two-day event returns to the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston this Nov. 27-28. SpaceCom is the central marketplace and knowledge center for the drive to form private- and public-partnerships and build a strong efficient, sustainable economy using space-enabled technology.

This year's [Advisory Board](#) is chaired by Dr. Vernon McDonald, senior vice president of KBRwyle. Dr. McDonald has been leading KBRwyle's Science & Space business unit since March 2017. He previously served as the President of Wyle's Science, Technology and Engineering Group. During a 25 year career in the space industry he has led microgravity scientific investigations of human performance, led space medicine operations supporting NASA and the International Space Station, and assisted in crafting KBRwyle's position in the commercial space industry. Today he leads an organization of more than 1,200 professionals supporting NASA, NOAA, USGS, USAF, several international space agencies, and commercial space companies.

"We are honored to have Dr. Vernon McDonald serve as the chairman of SpaceCom this year," says James Causey, executive director of SpaceCom. "The Advisory Board plays a critical role in providing overall direction for the event, shaping the key trends, themes, and topics for the Conference Program, and identifying key industry experts as speakers, panelists, and moderators. We are confident that Dr. McDonald will lead the Board and help make 2018 another great year for SpaceCom."

The aerospace industry remains the focal point for SpaceCom, with an emphasis on fostering new public-private partnerships and exploring ways to engage directly with NASA, international space agencies and commercial space entrepreneurs. In addition, SpaceCom addresses opportunities for terrestrial industries such as advanced manufacturing, energy, maritime, agribusiness, and medical to achieve valuable efficiencies through space-enabled Earth observation and satellite services.

Registration for this year's event will open in June. [Exhibit booth space](#) is also still available. For more information, visit www.spacecomexpo.com.

About SpaceCom

[The Space Commerce Conference and Expo](#) (SpaceCom) focuses on the application of space technologies to fuel business innovation across the aerospace, advanced manufacturing, agribusiness, energy, maritime and medical industries. The event is produced by [Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau \(GHCVB\)](#), [Houston First Corporation](#) and [National Trade Productions](#), in collaboration with [NASA Johnson Space Center](#). For more information, visit www.spacecomexpo.com.

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