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The 8th Continent

8TH CONTINENT JOINS FORCES WITH THREE COLORADO INSTITUTIONS TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ALLIANCE

The 8C Project, as a global initiative of the Colorado School of Mines, has joined with the Metropolitan State College of Denver, the Community College of Denver, and the Cherry Creek School District to form an unprecedented alliance: the Colorado Academy for the Development of STEM-related Careers (Colorado ADSC).

Colorado ADSC is designed to position the state as a leader in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education and to ensure that students - from kindergarten through graduate level - are grounded in and connected to cutting edge innovation.

Colorado ADSC's initial focus will be on aerospace, providing education, scholarships, internships, career guidance and mentoring to students desiring skills needed to build aerospace careers. The alliance will also provide educational certifications and specialized training that connect its targeted learning communities to job readiness and career enhancement and will facilitate training and assist in job placement by collaborating with Colorado Workforce Centers.

Forrest said, "Colorado ADSC is a community of intellectual capital and knowledge-sharing that will encourage innovation and creativity in the sciences, technology and entrepreneurship."

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Let us know "What's on your mind?"

About The 8th Continent Project

The Colorado School of Mines' 8th Continent Project is the world's most comprehensive effort to integrate space technology and resources into the global economy. 8th Continent provides the infrastructure and resources to solve a wide

"Colorado ADSC is about bridge-building," he explained. "It is about cooperative education, from kindergarten to PhDs, that delivers the knowledge and leadership skills needed to mold scientists, researchers and entrepreneurs - today and in the future - who are open to collaboration and grounded in science but also inspired by invention and originality."

The "bridge" is currently anchored on one end by the award-winning Cherry Creek School District and on the other end by the 8C Project as part of the Colorado School of Mines, a world-class research university recognized in engineering and the natural sciences.

For Richard Charles, Director of the new Cherry Creek STEM Academy, being part of Colorado ADSC "fulfills our mission to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care."

Metro State and CCD represent the middle of the bridge. As Gudryn Doherty, Dean of Math and Science at CCD, explained, "Colorado ADSC will give our students access to courses they need to enter the Colorado technology workforce and equip them with credentials ranging from technician certifications to 4-year and graduate degrees."

We expect other academic institutions to join in, as well.

8C DIVES INTO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

This month we're proud to announce that once again 8C is broadening its reach to include yet another active and vibrant entrepreneurial "Space 2.0" community: Washington, D.C.

As in Colorado and New England, 8C now serves and accelerates businesses based in Washington, Maryland and northern Virginia that develop aerospace-derived technologies, as well as entrepreneurial talent, investors, and professional support firms knowledgeable in these areas. We will profile new Washington, D.C. -area sponsors and members in upcoming newsletters, on the Web site, on our Facebook Fan Page and on the Space 2.0 blog. Look for future webinars and speaker series highlighting these new sponsors and members in the coming months, as well.

The timing and synergy for companies, small businesses

resources to solve a wide range of challenges from global warming to biomedical to renewable energy development. 8th Continent brings space down to Earth with the industry's first trade association, incubator, funding network and research hub, all working together to develop the next generation of space-derived business ventures.

and entrepreneurs to join the 8th Continent couldn't be better. From climate change to curing cancer, entrepreneurs and venture-backed businesses all over the globe are poised to solve the world's greatest challenges by commercializing aerospace-derived technology originally developed by NASA and the Defense Department.

The benefits to becoming an 8C sponsor are many, not the least of which is that sponsors and members have access to a growing global network of technologists, government leaders, labor capital talent, entrepreneurs, educators, investors, researchers and professional service providers. Our members represent a broad spectrum of technology-focused entrepreneurial organizations including Digital Globe, flaik, ColdQuanta, PowerBeam, Lumedyne and iShoe and many others that are employing space technology to create new solutions and prosperity in the global economy...here and now.

"PATENT REFORM AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU" TO BE TOPIC OF 8C'S NEXT SPACE 2.0 SPEAKER SERIES OCT. 28th

The shortcomings of America's antiquated patent system, why it needs to be overhauled and how to proceed if you have an idea you need to protect will be the topic of the 8th Continent Project's upcoming Space 2.0 Speaker Series (www.8cproject.com) on Thursday, Oct. 28th.

What: "Patent Reform and What It Means for You" will be presented by Gene Branch, partner at the intellectual property law firm of Townsend and Townsend and Crew.

When: Thursday, Oct. 28th at 7-9 a.m. MDT

Where: Law offices of Townsend and Townsend and Crew (www.townsend.com), 1400 Wewatta St., Suite 600, Denver.

Virtual Attendance: The seminar will also be available via [webinar](#).

Cost: **Free.** Light breakfast will be served.

Call 720-833-5920 to RSVP or email news@8CProject.com.

The Space 2.0 Speaker Series of before- and after-hours seminars on topics of interest to early-stage ventures is

designed for companies using aerospace-derived technology, which actually includes just about everyone.

Look for information about the November seminar coming soon to the 8C Project Web site (www.8cproject.com).

Thank you again for your interest and support of 8th Continent. As always, if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, we welcome your email.

Until next month,



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