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Event Listings

Visit the Calendar section of the [8C Website](#) for all of the details.

From 8C Blog: "You spoke. We respond. Exciting new 8C stuff coming."

As Space 2.0 technologies help fuel the recovery of the global economy, we at 8th Continent are designing new tools to help you do things faster and more successfully.

After the first of the year, look for a simpler web site -- much simpler, and much more effective. Look for crowd-sourcing tools to deliver both opportunities and solutions. How about a wiki on steroids? Better Facebook and Twitter streams. And, soon for you at 8C, "There's an app for that."

All work and no play? Hardly! Look for deal-marketing and gamification, too.

Of course, we will continue our business plan competition, virtual venture incubator and the other 8C programs you have given high marks.

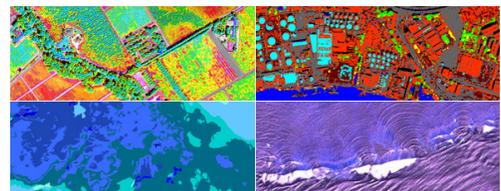
Thanks for your continuing support and inspiration. We couldn't be doing this without you!



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First DigitalGlobe 8-Band Research Challenge Attracts 500+ Entries

The submissions, received in a single month from experts at universities, private companies and scientific organizations in 80 countries, outline plans to leverage the unique capabilities of 8-Band imagery. DigitalGlobe's commercial 8-Band high-resolution imagery, from the WorldView-2 satellite, gives scientists a more detailed view of the earth and the ability to analyze information in completely new ways...[<more from DigitalGlobe>](#)



University Students: Save This Date

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 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.

The 2011 8th Continent Business Plan Competition is about to launch. Be ready to showcase your idea, fuel your venture, and float in zero gravity....

Your first two steps:

1. **Save the date.** The finals will be held April 8 and 9, 2011, in Golden, Colorado.
2. **Enter.** Look for the 2011 Competition Guidelines in early November. Go to 8cproject.com and click on Competition.

8th Continent Aerospace Business Incubator Wants to Hear from You!

Are you an entrepreneur looking for help? Perhaps an investor seeking quality deal flow? Or a professional services provider looking for new clients? Maybe a venture veteran with some expertise to volunteer?

The Incubator delivers business plan assistance, teaching and training, mentoring and pitch coaching, marketing assistance, financial management assistance, linkage to university R&D services, help securing student interns/employees, management team development, assistance obtaining angel/VC investment, assistance in winning government technology development funding (including SBIR/STTR) and government customer contracts, intellectual property assistance and other specialized legal expertise, product/technology development assistance, assistance in process related technologies, linkage to strategic partners, regulatory compliance assistance, international trade assistance, human resources management assistance, and access to Internet/IT services, access to specialized laboratory and machine shop facilities.

Reach out to 8th Continent's venture expertise ([click here](#)).

Drone Makes First Flapless Flight

No ailerons, no control surfaces, just directed jets of air.

The Demon UAV, BAE Systems' flapless aircraft, is shaped in a "blended wing body" configuration, which allows it to mimic the aerodynamic forces normally provided by flaps, elevators and ailerons by blowing jets of air from a nozzle over Coanda surfaces installed across the wing...[see video and more from Popular Science](#)



Words to the Wise: Nuts and Bolts of Note

2010 Small Business Jobs Act: The recently enacted 2010 Small Business Jobs Act includes a wide-ranging assortment of tax breaks and incentives for businesses. For a brief overview of the tax changes in the Small Business Jobs Act, [click here](#).

SBIR 2.0: The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program will undergo a series of improvements in the coming months to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall program. Together, these improvements are intended to represent a new and improved SBIR, or as the Small Business Administration is calling it, "SBIR 2.0"...[<more>](#)

All the best,



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