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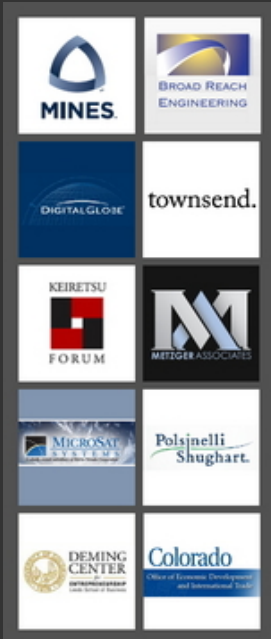


About 8th Continent

The 8th Continent Project accelerates the integration of aerospace-derived technology and content into the global economy.

We employ our networks of technology creatives, serial entrepreneurs, investors and professional service firms to deliver the talent, experience, and capital needed to succeed.

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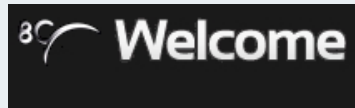
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8C's New Look

We've just published our brand new website. Drop by 8cproject.com and check it out. When you are there, make sure to sign up for our 8C blog/RSS feed, if you haven't already.



There is always room for improvement. If you have any suggestions as to how 8C can better serve you, let us know at info@8cproject.com.

8C Director Appointed to Governor's Venture Capital Investment Advisory Committee

8C director Burke Fort was recently appointed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to his Advisory Committee on Venture Capital Investment. Among the Committee's 27 appointees, Fort is one of three representing Colorado's Aerospace Industry sector.

The Committee is charged with developing and helping to execute a strategic plan for more deeply engaging the venture capital and investment community in Colorado's growth industries, which include bioscience, renewable energy, and information/communication technology, in addition to aerospace.

Showcase your idea. Fuel your venture. And float in zero gravity....

Enter the 8th Continent Project's global 2011 Business Plan Competition for university students. \$40,000 in prizes will be awarded including cash, in-kind services and a ride in a zero-gravity aircraft. Final rounds will be held April 8-9, 2011, on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines in Golden.



The 8C Business Plan Competition challenges students from around the world in business, engineering and science to collaborate in creating business ventures that employ aerospace-derived technologies in products and services with immediate commercial application here on Earth. Teams should consist primarily of graduate students, although undergraduate participation is welcome. Teams from anywhere in the world may enter.

For more information, including our Competition Guidelines, [click here](#).

NASA Helps Colorado Take Next Steps in Accelerating Aerospace Sector Success

NASA and the Colorado Association for Manufacturing and Technology recently announced an agreement to create a Technology Acceleration Program and a Regional Innovation Cluster for Aerospace and Clean Energy. A manufacturing park focused on rapid new product development and production will be developed as a part of this initiative, the goal of which is to create 10,000 new jobs in the next five years within Colorado.

[Click here](#) for an overview of the Technology Acceleration Program service offerings.

Coming Soon To a Driveway Near You?

Pratt & Whitney's Rocketdyne division has been awarded \$1 million to design a propulsion system for a flying Humvee. "Don't scoff - there is good reason for an airborne truck," defense officials say. "With the proliferation of improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, on the ground, a hovering Humvee would be an ideal way to keep soldiers out of harm's way."



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