



Astra Announces Multi-Launch Contract and First Launch With Department of Defense

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Space Force expected to fly demonstration launch no earlier than August 27th

ALAMEDA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 5, 2021-- Astra Space, Inc. ("Astra") (Nasdaq: ASTR), today announced a launch window beginning August 27, 2021 for its first commercial orbital launch with the United States Space Force. Following this launch, Astra is under contract to perform a second launch later this year.

"We are thrilled to partner with Astra on this mission and believe this showcases critical low-cost, mobile and responsive launch capability," said Colonel Carlos Quinones, Director, Department of Defense Space Test Program.

Space Force contracted the launch through the Defense Innovation Unit's Other Transaction Agreement with Astra. Space Force will be launching a test payload for the Space Test Program (STP-27AD1).

"We're excited to kick off a multi-launch campaign with the Space Force" said Chris Kemp, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Astra. "This orbital demonstration launch allows our team to verify numerous upgrades to our launch system."

STP-27AD1 will be conducted from Astra's Kodiak Spaceport, located at the Pacific Spaceport Complex in Kodiak, Alaska. The launch window will begin at 1:00PM PT, on Friday, August 27, 2021 and will be open through Saturday, September 11, 2021.

About Astra

Astra's mission is to improve life on Earth from space by creating a healthier and more connected planet. Astra's first flight to space was within 4 years of its inception, making it the fastest company to reach space. Visit www.astra.com to learn more about Astra.

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When we use the phrase "commercial orbital launch," we mean a launch conducted under a FAA Commercial Launch License.

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