

# Stratolaunch Welcomes Two Industry Veterans to Its Executive Team

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We are pleased to announce that Hanna Kubiak has joined Stratolaunch as the new vice president of business development. With more than 20 years of experience in the commercial space industry — spanning business development, product management and customer operations — Hanna is an invaluable addition to the Stratolaunch team.

Prior to joining Stratolaunch, Hanna was director of business development at RUAG Space USA, Inc., where she brought the latest European launch vehicle and spacecraft component technologies to the U.S. market. She previously served as business development manager at Virgin Orbit, LLC., overseeing commercial launch sales for LauncherOne. Her impressive experience also includes senior sales and operations roles at DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, and Space Imaging (now Maxar).

Hanna has successfully grown sales at private and publicly traded companies from startups to nine-figure revenues. She has negotiated joint venture operations in China, complex system sales in Japan, and the launch of new product lines in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. She is credited with multi-hundred-million-dollar sales of spacecraft access, ground systems, and satellite imagery to governmental and commercial clients worldwide. As a CEO, Hanna was instrumental in coaching more than two dozen entrepreneurs on the path to successful business ownership.

On top of her remarkable career accomplishments, Hanna has mentored at-risk youth for more than 17 years and serves on the BoldLeaders board of directors. She is also a mentor at Lightspeed Innovations (an aerospace startup accelerator led by Wharton alumni) and was a visiting lecturer at the International Space University.

We are also thrilled to announce that Melanie Preisser has been promoted to vice president of government relations at Stratolaunch. For the past two years, Melanie has served as Stratolaunch's national systems director, managing federal business development and building relationships with the national security community. Now, taking the lead of our government affairs sector, Melanie will direct our Washington D.C. strategy and activities, represent the company and space industry on legislative and regulatory matters, and foster new advocacy opportunities. This is a well-deserved promotion and we look forward to Melanie's continued success in Washington, D.C.

## **About Stratolaunch Systems Corporation**

Founded in 2011 by Paul G. Allen, Stratolaunch Systems Corporation believes in safeguarding Earth for future generations. We do this by enabling convenient, affordable, and routine, airline-

style access to space that empowers the world's problem solvers – so that they can collect rich and actionable data and drive advancements in science, research, and technology from space.

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