

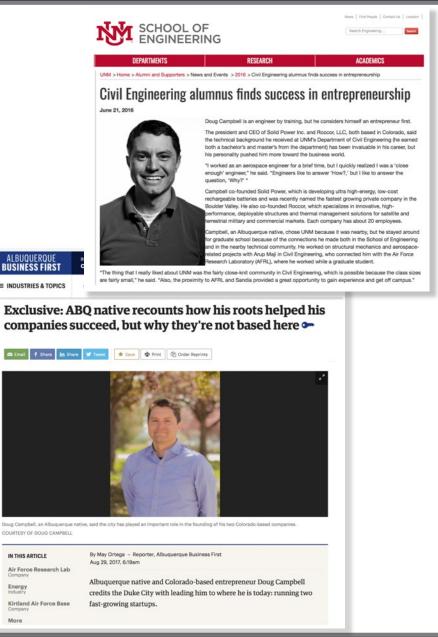
Douglas Campbell, CEO Roccor, LLC & Solid Power, Inc.

**December 3, 2018** 

Opportunities and Challenges in Using Federal Funding for New Product Development & Commercialization

### About Me

- An Albuquerque, NM native
  - Degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico
  - Advanced tech career began as Research Assistant at Air Force Research Laboratory, Kirtland AFB, NM
  - Relocated to Colorado in 2002 to start my career in private industry
- My entrepreneurial journey...
  - A gradual transition from research engineer to lead engineer/PM to business development
  - Became quite expert in SBIR; secured >\$30M
     over the past 15 years...
  - ...however, became increasingly frustrated with a lack of commercial success



## SBIR From an Entrepreneur's Perspective

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Friends & Family:

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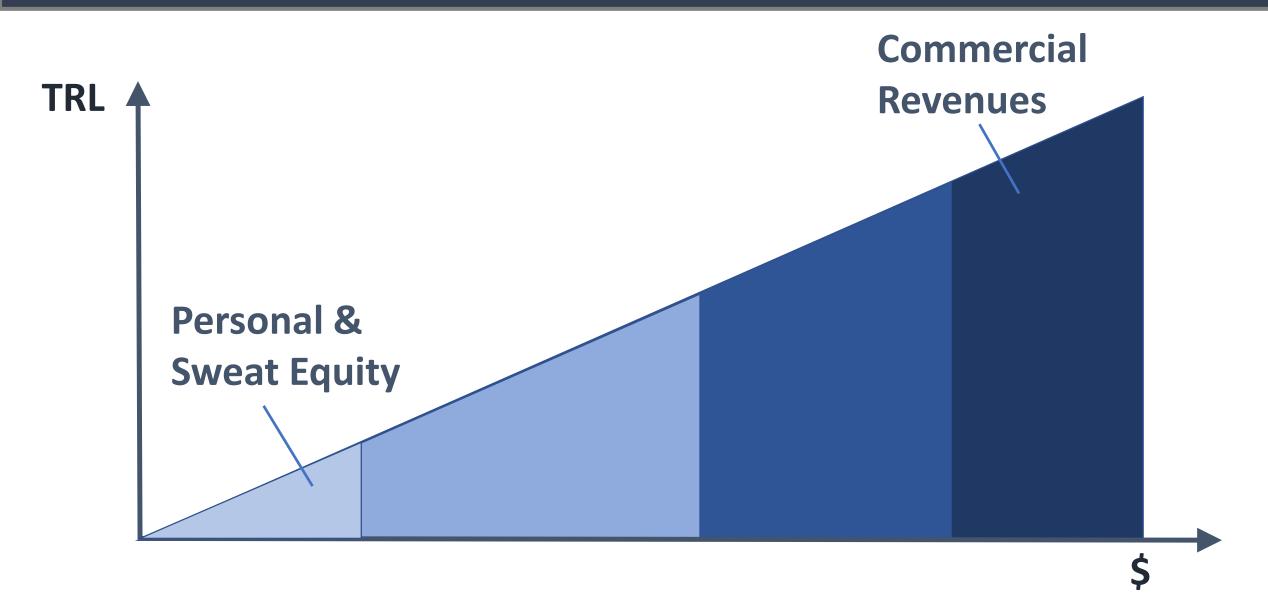
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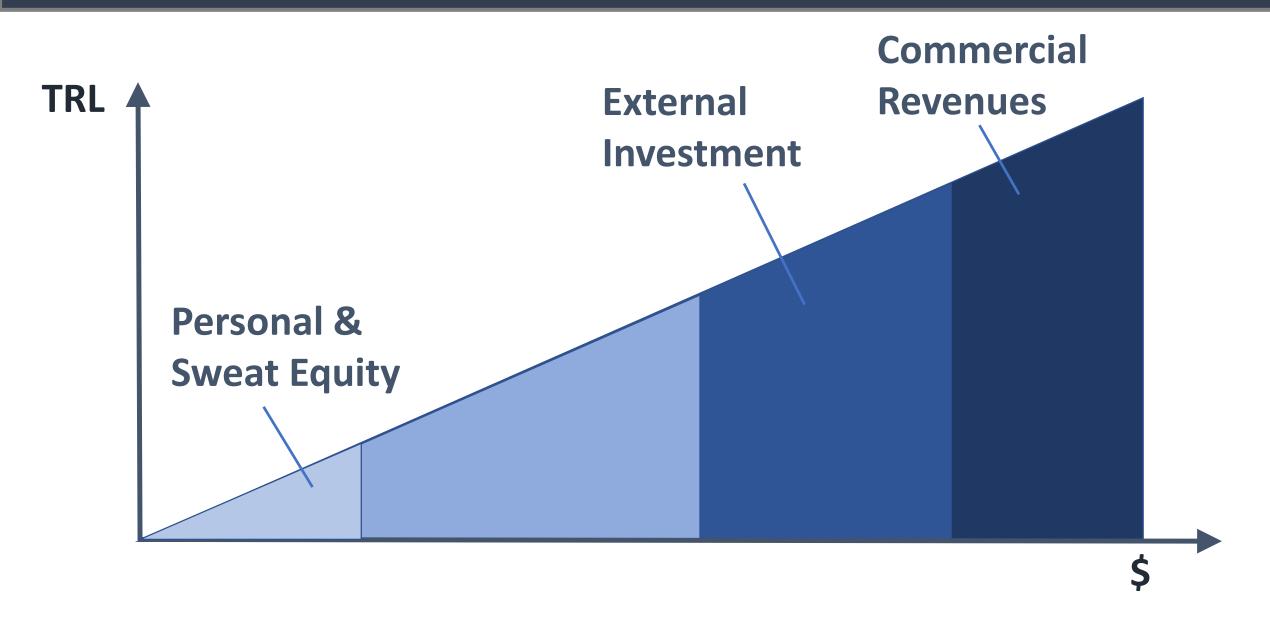
- SBIR is a very powerful program!!!
  - May be the only source for startup capital
  - Very patient capital
  - Critical to maintaining the the US' International competitiveness

"Our Program is similar to SBIR in the US except it's missing a few zeros" - Innovate UK

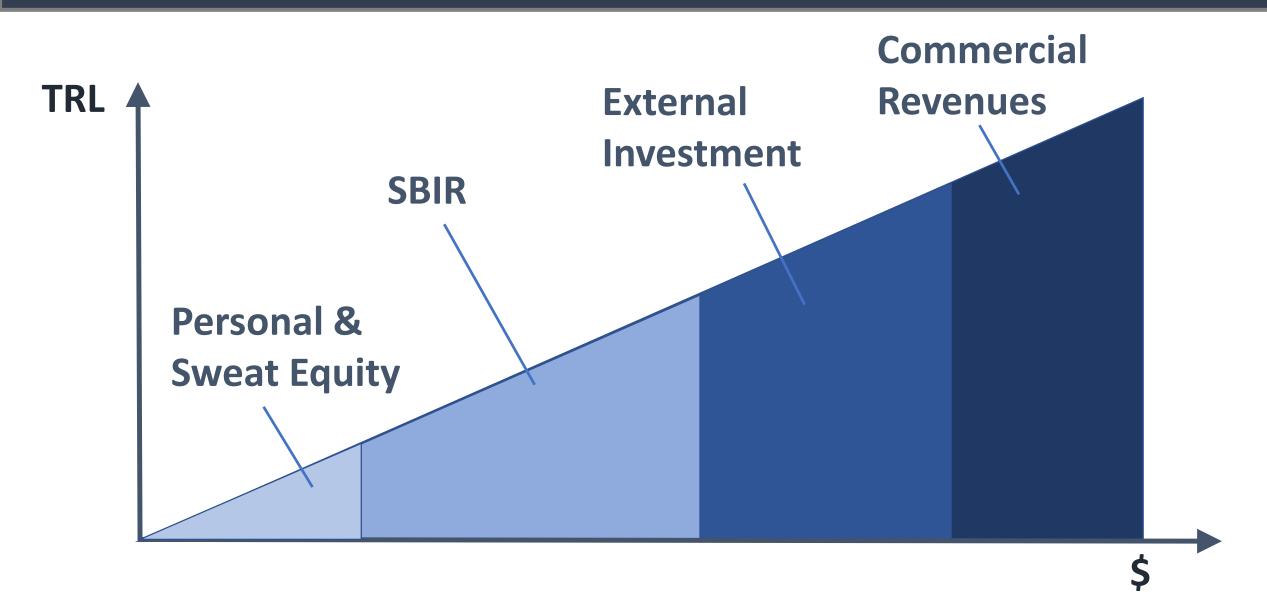
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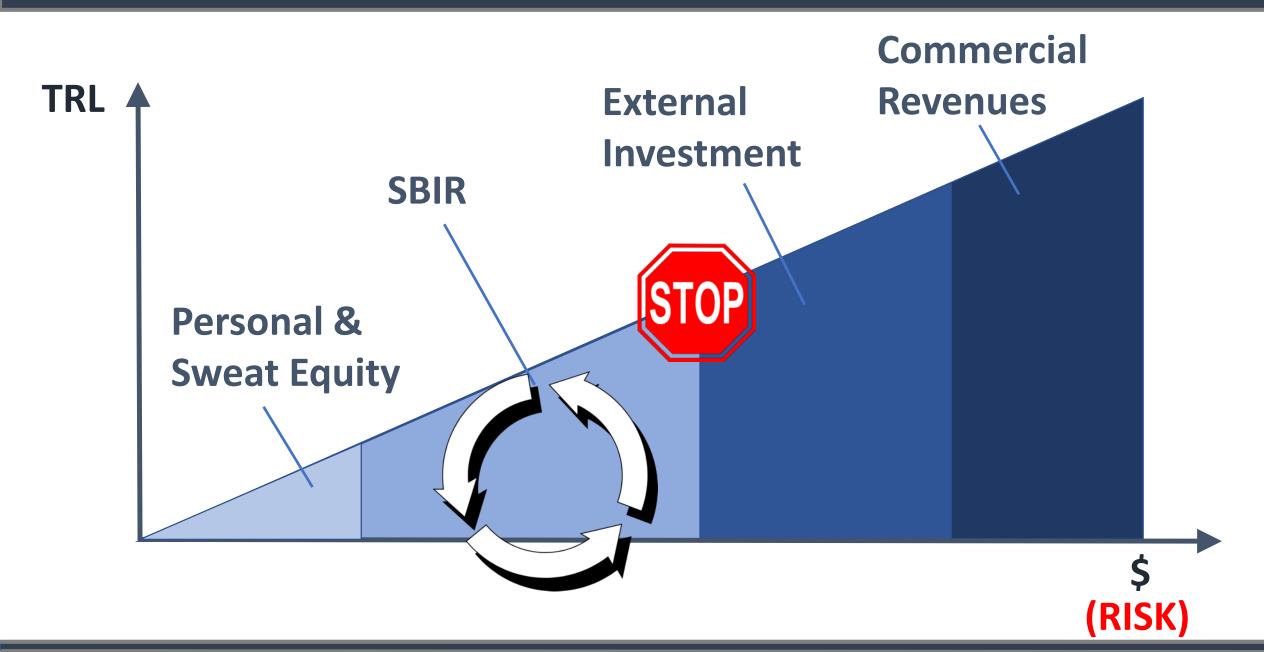
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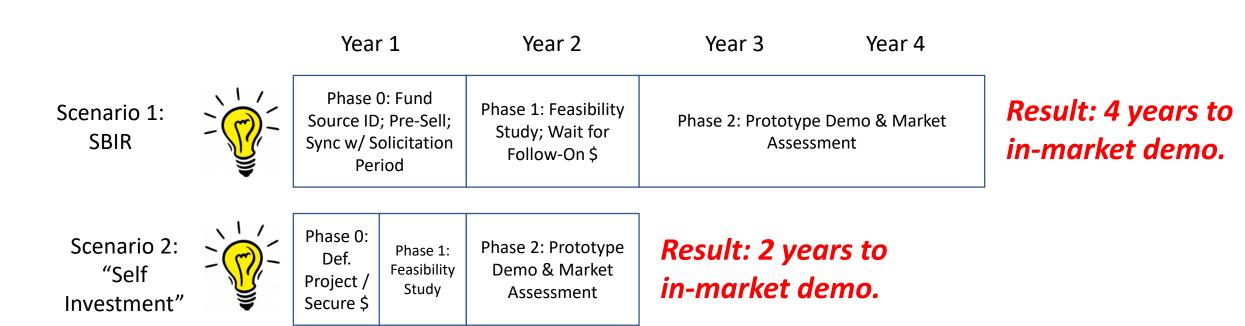


# The Danger of SBIR: Overreliance



# The Danger of SBIR: Time to Market

- Yes, non-dilution and high risk tolerance of SBIR is great...
- ...However, it comes with a key risk, which is time:
  - SBIR follows a prescribed process and this may be considerably slower than market forces
- Thus, it's imperative that the entrepreneur wisely chooses which product development course to pursue via SBIR



## SBIR Pros & Cons

### Pros:

- May be the only source of early-stage capital for critically-needed technologies
- Non-dilutive; Federal gov't is not on your Board
- Very generous IP rights
- Contract vehicle for acquisition (e.g., Phase IIIs for DoD)

### Cons:

- Brings an overhead tax
- Moves slow; great for unproven technologies; not so great for market windows
- Can encourage "bad behavior" if over relied upon (i.e., become a lifestyle businesses)
- Investment circles may "discount" SBIR \$

# My Approach With SBIR

- Left my last "real job" in 2011
- Joined a collection of consultants doing a variety of engineering, program management and business development support
- Established a "for-profit technology incubator" in 2012
  - Mine Universities and Nat'l labs for emerging tech
  - Utilize SBIR as seed-stage funding
- What emerged:
  - Roccor, LLC: Small satellite components
  - Solid Power Inc: All solid-state batteries for future electric vehicles





# My Passion: Disrupting Markets



**Green Car Reports** 

#### Electric cars may stall without a battery revolution

Car companies are committing to an electric future, but the success of the sector depends on better batteries



▲ Electric vehicles plugged into a charging station in a workplace car park. Photograph: Alamy



Car-makers are racing to meet demand, with Volvo promising that from 2019, all of its new models will feature an electric motor.

Modern electric motors are compact, extremely efficient and emissions-free at



**Electric Car Sales Set To** Accelerate As Costs Fall And **Production Scales Up** 

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The Chinese-made \$1.5million NIO EP9 at the Shanghai auto show. AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

The electrification of the transport system is set to accelerate in the late 2020s, with electric buses leading the way, a new report claims. Electric vehicle sales will surge thanks to tumbling battery costs and increasing scale in manufacturing.

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Divining what the stars hold in store for broadband megaconstellations





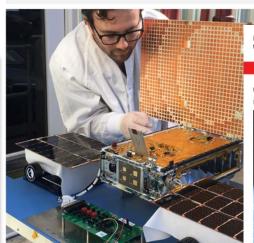
An engineer at the Jet Propolsion Lab uses sunlight to test one of the Mars Cube One spacecraft.

> Smaller and cheaper satellites are important for national security, for the space industry and for our planet. They also happen to be great investments.

rirgin Galactic's LauncherOne spacecraft shown in low Earth orbit after payload separation. Credit: Virgin

Innovators in industry, academia and government have already proved that small satellites can be built quickly and affordably while still being capable of doing significant things. Such satellites are now in space sending back high-definition video, providing important climate data, helping to track the world's maritime shipping assets, expanding our knowledge of the universe and helping test advanced technologies that will someday be used in the

The data generated from these smaller, cheaper satellites will greatly benefit life on Earth, and could form the basis for a new layer of information infrastructure essential to our way of life. That new infrastructure will have to be constantly replenished, thus creating a persistent need for lower-priced small satellites and their accompanying launch vehicles.



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Photo: JPL-Caltech/NASA

## Solid Power

- Located in Colorado, USA
- Established in 2012 as spin-out business from CU-Boulder
- Exclusive license agreements with CU-Boulder & ORNL around cathode and electrolyte materials
- Initial operations supported via ~\$13M non-dilutive capital
- Completed \$26M Series A investment in 2018
- Extensive cooperation with auto OEMs

#### **Technology:**

- 1. High Energy: Combine highly loaded SOTA cathodes with metallic Li anode
- 2. Safety: Benign failures under abuse conditions





#### **Manufacturing & Cost:**

- 1. Compatible with industry-standard roll-to-roll manufacturing
- 2. Cost competitiveness w/ Li-ion via supply chain developments

## Solid Power's Value Proposition

### ASSBs are a leading candidate to surpass Li-ion in energy, safety and cost:

Energy:
Greater vehicle
range / device life

Safety: Improved Product Reliability

### Benefits of ASSB Over Li-ion:

- Higher energy (1.5-2X)
- Higher safety, hence <u>lower cost</u>
- Pack-level simplicity, hence <u>lower cost</u>
- High temperature stability eliminates the need for pack cooling, hence <u>lower cost</u>
- Little to no self-discharge opens new markets

#### Cost:

- 1.Eliminate battery cooling systems
- 2. Simplified cell- and pack-level designs
- 3. Abuse & manufacturing quality tolerance

"Solid-state batteries can be a game-changer...[in mobile power markets]...where better safety, longer cycle life potential higher energy density are required"

- IDTechEx Market Report

If solid-state batteries actually present a viable alternative at some point, it could completely change the game, since a whole new level of energy density would be possible"

- Daimler

### Solid Power's Recent Success

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## Solid Power, BMW partner to develop next-generation EV batteries

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(Reuters) - U.S. EV battery company Solid Power said on Monday it had partnered wit Germany's BMW AG (BMWG.DE) to develop the next-generation solid-state battery technology for use in electric vehicles (EVs).



FILE PHOTO: The logo of BMW before the company's annual news conference in Munich,

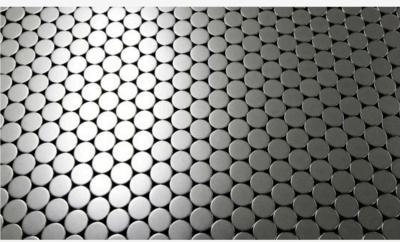
Reuters Staff

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CHARGE AHEAD

# Solid Power raises \$20 million in the race to build all-solid-state batteries

By Akshat Rathi - September 10, 201



The race to build the next revolutionary battery is heating up. Just in the first half of 2018, investors have pumped into battery startups double the amount they invested in all of 2017.



### Industry Giants Samsung and Hyundai Invest in Solid-State Batteries

Solid Power wins \$20 million from automotive and electronics players.

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Industry Giants Samsung and Hyundai Invest in Solid-State Batteries

Photo Credit: Shutterstock.com

Automotive and electronics giants are flooding the battery ecosystem with strategic investments.

Solid-state battery startup Solid Power, based in Louisville, Colorado, just won \$20 million in a Series A investment round from Hyundai, Samsung Venture Investment, Sanoh Industrial,

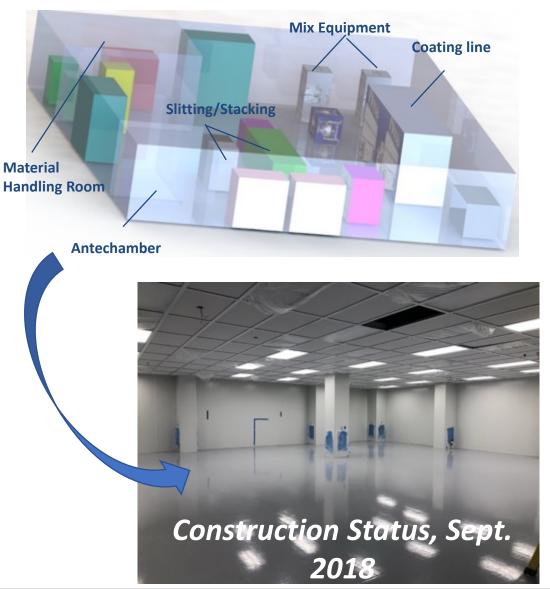
# Next Steps: Production Scale-Up

- MWh-scale production line installed by Q4 2018
- EV full-scale prototype cell production by Q3 2019
- Series A cell production by Q2 2020
- True SOP by 2022

Slot die coater install, Nov. 2018

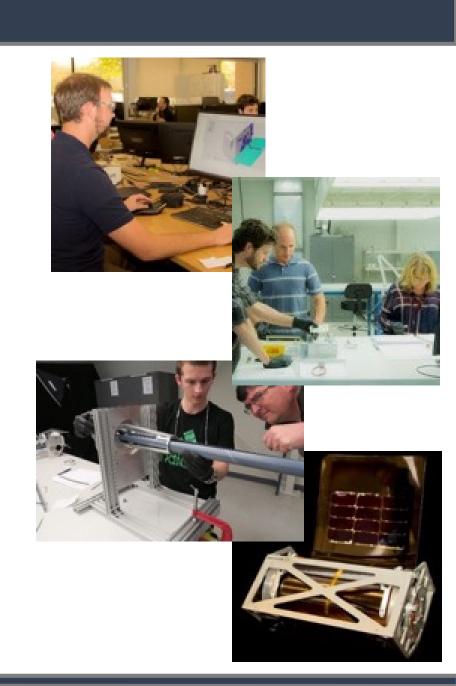


#### **MWh-Scale Production Line**



### Roccor

- 100% Employee owned, Colorado limited liability company
  - Active in space & terrestrial military markets
  - 40+employees, ISO compliant production facility
- Competencies include deployable space structures & thermal management for satellite & military systems
  - Commercial (US & European) and US Government customers
  - In late 2018/early 2019, more than 25 Roccor supplied antenna, solar array and deorbit products will be launched



# Disrupting an Industry: "Space 2.0"

- The "Old" Space industry is not driven by free market forces:
  - > Focused on government customers
  - ➤ Vertically integrated supply chain
  - Price/cost is only a secondary concern
- New Space is the result of disruption by free market forces:
  - > Focused on commercial customers
  - ➤ Diverse supply chain
  - ➤ Price/cost is equal to performance
- As a consequence...
  - ➤ Satellite costs are plummeting; recurring unit costs has become essential
  - ➤ New businesses are emerging to capitalize

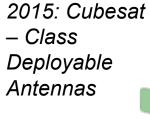


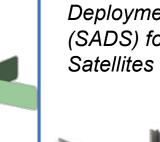
## Roccor Product Portfolio Evolution



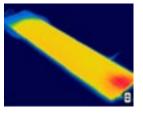
2014: Thermal Management Solutions







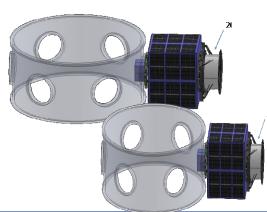
2016: Solar Array
Deployment Systems
(SADS) for ESPA-class
Satellites







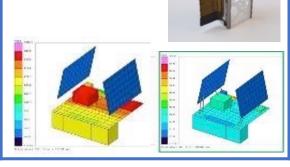
2017: Deployable Sails for ESPA-Class Satellites



2017: Deorbit Systems for ESPA-Class Satellites



2017: Deployable Radiators



2018: Deployable Solar Arrays for ESPA-Class

Satellites





### Roccor's Success

## Via Satellite

#### **Roccor Exec on Supporting 900-Satellite LEO Constellation**

By Kendall Russell | May 24, 2017



Rendition of CubeSats in orbit, Photo: NASA

Aerospace supplier Roccor has secured a contract with an undisclosed satellite operator t provide components for its fleet of more than 900 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites. Accord to Chris Pearson, Roccor's vice president of space programs, the company will contribute High Strain Component (HSC) technologies to support Roccor's new Solar Array Developm Systems (SADS).

Roccor developed its HSC technology under the U.S. government's Small Business Innovat Research (SBIR) program before finalizing an agreement to license its patents with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) last month. As such, the six-year-old company reflects ti commercial potential of developing new technology alongside the government.



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Roccor CEO Doug Campbell at the Small Satellite Conference at Utah State University in Logan, Utah Aug. 7, 2018, Roccor specializes in power and communications for satellites, Credit; Keith Johnson for

OGAN, Utah - In an effort to cut launch costs, companies are looking to technology to transport small satellites om low Earth orbit to geostationary orbit and to the moon.

occor, a small company based in Longmont, Colorado, that specializes in deployable space structures, kicked off program recently to produce a solar array for one such mission. After a rocket drops the spacecraft off in low arth orbit, Roccor solar arrays will generate "several kilowatts of power" to move it to geostationary orbit, said loug Campbell, Roccor chief executive. Campbell declined to name the customer due to a nondisclosure greement.

It is expensive to launch satellites to geostationary orbit," Campbell told SpaceNews during an interview at the mall Satellite Conference here. "We see this as a huge unmet need."

y participating in this project, Roccor has developed a new product it intends to market: a full solar wing that an be stowed compactly for launch and deployed in orbit, Campbell said.

#### High strain composites for satellite applications

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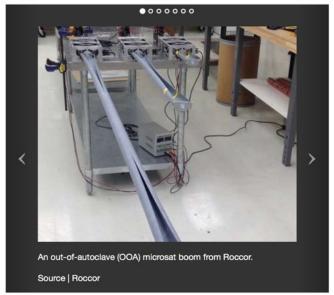
Carbon fiber takes deployable satellite mechanisms to new heights.



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Senior Editor, CompositesWorld



On my third day on the job as digital editor for CompositesWorld, editor Jeff Sloan introduced me to Frank Roundy of Ability Composites in Loveland, CO, US. Frank was kind enough to give me a tour of his facility and share his insights into an industry that was completely new to me. At one point he handed me a rolled-up piece of material that looked kind of like the inside of a tape measure — or maybe a grey fruit roll-up.

## Roccor & Solid Power: "The SBIR Scorecard"

#### ROCCOR, LLC **Company Information** Address Information Ownership Information DUNS: 968249636 **HUBZone Owned: N** 2602 CLOVER BASIN DRI STE D LONGMONT, CO, 80503-7555 # of Employees: 48 Socially and Economically Disadvantaged: N Woman Owned: N http://www.roccor.com **Award Charts** By Program and Phase By Year By Agency 4 000k 3 200k 4.5M 2 400k 3M 2M 1 600k Highcharts.com Highcharts.com

#### **Roccor:**

- SBIR investment: ~\$7M since 2013
- Industry investment: ~15M since 2013
- Product sales: ~\$15M since 2013 & growing
- Contributing to US' position as leader in satellite technology

#### **Solid Power:**

- SBIR investment: ~\$5M since 2013
- Industry investment: ~30M since 2013
- Contributing to US industry's efforts in being at the forefront of vehicle electrification



# Today's Take Home Messages

The SBIR Program is an Exceptionally Powerful Program that Contributes to Keeping the US at the Forefront of Technology Innovation

### For entrepreneurs:

- SBIR is powerful but be cautious:
  - It is not "free money"
  - It is not suited to all product development efforts; choose wisely
- You have a responsibility to US taxpayers for long-term ROI

#### For USG:

- Refine the program for improved speed & agility. Consider more non-traditional mechanisms e.g., direct to Phase II, CRPs, etc.
- Improve accountability metrics to weed-out low performing companies