

Request for Information (RFI) for Hokkaido Spaceport (HOSPO) Launch Complex-1 (LC1) Operation Plan

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1. Background and Purpose

Hokkaido Spaceport (HOSPO) is a commercial spaceport open to the private sector that has been in full operation since April 2021 with the aim of realizing the vision of "Creating Space Version of Silicon Valley in Hokkaido." Since announcing the "Hokkaido Spaceport Concept" in 2019, Taiki Town and SPACE COTAN Co., Ltd. have been supporting the operation of HOSPO and rocket launch, as well as research and development for the development of the aerospace industry and the provision of business opportunities, including regional revitalization. As of December 2024, HOSPO is developing Launch Complex-1 (LC1) following the experimental Launch Complex-0 (LC0), which will begin operation gradually after completion in Japanese fiscal year 2025, with the aim of launching the first orbital launch rocket by 2027 (LC1 Overview: Attachment-1).

In order to develop LC1 operation plan, a Request for Information (RFI) regarding launch plans is issued to launch service providers who are considering or planning to launch an orbital injection rocket from LC1, as well as providers who may consider launching an orbital injection rocket from LC1 in the future. Please note that this RFI will be carried out outsourced to SPACE COTAN Co., Ltd.

2. Submission Deadline

5 p.m. January 10th, 2025 (JST)

3. Target Corporation

Corporations established under Japanese law and overseas corporations (however, they must be corporations in countries specified in Appended Table 3 of the Export Trade Control Order)

4. Content of Information

Please submit your current assumptions and plans for the following information. Please be as specific as possible regarding ③ and ④ so that we can understand the accuracy. Any format or number of pages is acceptable.

- ① Provider Information (name, affiliation, position, address, telephone number, email address)
- ② Business Plan (medium- to long-term plan)
- ③ Launch Plan

- A) Launch Vehicle Overview
- B) Launch Schedule and Number of Launches
- C) Overview of Launch Site Operation (Pre-Flight and Post-Flight)
- ④ Requirements and Requests to the Launch Site
- ⑤ Other Reference Information

5. Process after RFI

Based on the information provided in section 4, launches with a high probability will be prioritized and incorporated into the LC1 operation plan. Also launches that require schedule adjustments will be identified and resolution plan will be studied. As preparations for launches become complete, coordinating launch service contracts will be begun.

6. How to Provide Information

Please submit your information to the following email address by the submission deadline specified in paragraph 2.

kaneko-koji@spacecotan.com

7. Contact

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the provision of information, please contact by email at the address listed below.

Mr. Koji Kaneko/SPACE COTAN Co., Ltd.

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8. Notes

- A) The information you provide will be used only for the purpose of developing the LC1's operational plan. If a non-disclosure agreement is required when providing information, please contact at the address listed in Section 7.
- B) Please note that information you provide will not be returned.
- C) Please note that SPACE COTAN Co., Ltd. staff may contact you with questions regarding the information you provide.