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Saber Astronautics to develop App Store for US Space Force

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Colorado Springs, Colorado -- Saber Astronautics won a US Department of Defense contract to build a pipeline distributing commercial space applications to US Space Force (USSF) Guardians.

The \$1.25M Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Direct to Phase II contract will be Space Force's first platform for third party applications. The "Space Applications Marketplace", or SAM, provides developers of innovative space software applications a direct path to sales within the US DoD ecosystem.

Characterised as an 'app store for space', Saber will build SAM on top of their USSF deployed space domain awareness software, Space Cockpit™. This provides the Space Force immediate access to products made by the store's community while the community will be able to directly reach DoD end users.

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Space Cockpit received a Certificate to Field (CtF) and Continuous Authority to Operate (CATO) in 2019, signifying Space Cockpit passed all technical, legal and security checks, and is directly deployed and in use by hundreds of operators in the USSF. SAM will reduce the deployment waiting period from years to a few months, overcoming many of the challenges between development and deployment to the US DoD.

Currently, small innovative companies with products funded by the US Space Force can struggle through a long gap (often called the 'Valley of Death') between development and deployment to military users. The Valley of Death is the rigorous, often years-long testing and checks products must go through before deployment. In this period, small companies often need investments in order to survive, many innovative projects never deploy as the company drains available finances waiting.

Saber CEO, Dr Jason Held explains, *"The US Space Force is embracing innovation as a core component of their culture. They recognize that part of the challenge is finding new talent, either from within their own workforce, startup communities, or traditional suppliers. Likewise, we run across innovators every day who are developing exceptional products that never see operational use. SAM bridges that gap."*

To have your capabilities listed on Saber's SAM contact: info@saberastro.com



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Saber Astronautics' mission is the democratization of space, reducing barriers to space flight, and making space as easy as driving a car. Incorporated in 2008, Saber Astronautics provides space operations, mission design services, and related software. Saber has R&D laboratories and mission control centres in the USA and Australia, being a trusted supplier to traditional space and government customers as well as NewSpace entrants worldwide.

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