



# X PRIZE Team Summary Sheet INTERORBITAL SYSTEMS



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## **TEAM OVERVIEW**



Interorbital Systems (IOS), founded in 1996, is a privately funded aerospace corporation based in Mojave, California. The company develops, manufactures, and tests liquid rocket engines, space launch vehicles, and spacecraft. In addition, IOS provides end-to-end space launch services for its own vehicles. IOS is presently engaged in the development of its Neptune-Solaris Orbital Spaceliner, a two-stage manned orbital launch vehicle. The orbiter stage in this configuration, the Solaris X rocket plane, is the company's X PRIZE entry. Solaris X will become the flagship of IOS' future suborbital space tourism operations. The Interorbital Systems team possesses a broad crossindustry experience base, ranging from the academic disciplines of design, simulation, and analysis, to the hands-on skills of rocket prototyping, construction, and launch.

#### TEAM LEADERS BACKGROUND



Roderick Milliron is IOS' Rocket Systems Engineer, Chief Scientist, and President. With over twenty years of aerospace experience, Mr. Milliron is an expert in the design of liquid rocket engines, propellant delivery hardware, and rocket

steering systems. He is also responsible for the complete launch vehicle design specifications.

Randa Relich Milliron is the IOS Chief Executive

Officer. Ms. Milliron is in charge of all IOS rocket hardware component testing, as well as the coordination of promotion, sales and marketing. Randa also handles regulatory, export, and launch licensing matters with the FAA, AST (Office of Commercial Space



Transportation), and State Department.

## **DATA AT-A-GLANCE**

#### **TEAM SPECIFICATIONS**

Name: Interorbital Systems

Leaders: Roderick and Randa Milliron Place: Mojave, California, USA

Registered with X PRIZE: 16 January 2003

Web: www.interorbital.com

## **VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS**

Name: Solaris X

Wingspan/Body Diameter: Proprietary

Height: Proprietary GTOW: Proprietary Dry Weight: Proprietary Crew Environment: Proprietary No. of Engines: Proprietary

Propulsion System: Single Stage, Liquid Propellants

Fuel: Proprietary Oxidizer: Proprietary Total Thrust: Proprietary

Reaction Control System: Proprietary

#### MISSION SPECIFICATIONS

Launch Site: Proprietary

Ascent Method: Vertical Takeoff

Max. Accel. Force on Ascent: Proprietary Altitude at Engine Cut-off: Proprietary Time at Engine Cut-off: Proprietary

Max. Speed: Proprietary Max. Altitude: Proprietary

Time in Weightless Conditions: Proprietary

Reentry Method: Proprietary

Accel. Forces on Descent: Proprietary Landing Method: Horizontal Landing

Total Duration: 25 Minutes

Landing Distance from Take-off Location:

Proprietary

Time Between Missions: 7 Days



## VEHICLE/LAUNCH SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The IOS X PRIZE vehicle is designated Solaris X. It is a single stage vehicle using liquid propellants. All other details of the launcher are proprietary at this time.

## PROPULSION SYSTEM

Information concerning the propulsion system is proprietary at this time.

## **MISSION DESCRIPTION**

The rocket plane takes off and lands vertically. Other details of the mission are proprietary at this time.

## **HARDWARE & TESTS**

Hardware tests include main engine components, steering system, ACS, inertial guidance, and telemetry.

## **PUBLICITY**

#### Personal Appearances

- Space Frontier Foundation 1999-2002 Speakers
- Space Access 2002, Speakers
- Pasadena Art Center College of Design, Guest Lecturers, "Digital Dialogues" Series
- Return to the Moon Speakers 2002
- CSDC Bakersfield
- Vandenberg Space Day
- International Liquid Propulsion Symposium, JPL
- Numerous other appearances at educational institutions and conferences

#### TELEVISION AND RADIO

- The Space Show with David Livingston
- CNN Moneyline
- Art Bell (two appearances)
- Australian Radio
- PBS (All Things Considered)
- Planet (French Discovery Channel)
- Tech TV
- Inside Space (Science Fiction Channel)
- Beyond 2000 (Discovery)
- Real TV
- Next Step (Discovery Channel)

• Paul Garson (Cyberradioty)

#### PRINT MEDIA

- Fortune
- Scientific American
- Independent On Sunday (British Newspaper)
- Matangi Tonga (Magazine)
- Blue (Magazine)
- Travel and Leisure (Magazine)
- Details (Magazine)
- Space News (Industry Periodical)
- Aero-News.net
- Los Angeles Daily News
- Aerotech News (Industry Periodical)
- Final Frontier (Magazine)
- CNN.com
- UniverseToday.com
- SpaceDaily.com
- CAUS.com

## TEAM BACKGROUND

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

Eric Gullichsen: Guidance and Control, Telemetry Dave Silsbee: Electronics Hardware Engineer

David Miller: Software Engineer Andre Lavoie, PhD.: Stress Analyst Max Pinkerton: Avionics Specialist

Wally Funk: Rocket Pilot

#### X PRIZE QUOTE

"The X Prize is 'High Noon' for the new commercial space movement. It provides a very public venue for companies to prove the worth of their space launch systems. It's a technology shootout, from which only those with pure focus and true scientific talent will emerge victorious"

– Randa Milliron

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

"Interorbital Systems follows the philosophies of minimum cost design and of complete self-reliance in developing and manufacturing its rocket engines and space launch vehicles. We use proven rocket technology and update it with microelectronics and modern materials, employing standard manufacturing methods whenever possible. All engines and vehicle components, including software and guidance, are produced in-house. By remaining

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completely independent, we have the power to bring the cost of space launch down"

- Roderick Milliron

#### MISSION AND GOALS

"We intend to begin suborbital manned space flight services with our X Prize flights. These suborbital launches are a prelude to the establishment of our orbital and lunar transportation systems. Interorbital Systems' goal is to carry both cargo and humans between Earth and Moon and eventually to the rest of the Solar System."

– Randa Milliron

## X PRIZE FOUNDATION

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