



CSF Celebrates ISS Milestone, Endorses Continuous Human Presence

The achievements of the International Space Station over 25 years are numerous, and even worthy of a Nobel Peace Prize given the diverse international coalition that has held for multiple decades. The technical achievement of building and operating a continuously human tended spacecraft has given the U.S. the operational know how to dream even bigger – building a lunar space station and sending astronauts to explore Mars. The research and commercial activities on ISS are creating new and lucrative ventures in space that will improve life on Earth.

As we prepare to deorbit the ISS and transition to modern, commercial space stations, CSF calls on NASA and Congress to support the policy of continuous human presence in space.

As detailed in CSF's [Redshift](#) report, this is critical juncture for U.S. leadership in space as China's space activities proceed at a breakneck pace. Already China's Tiangong space station is supporting continuous human presence, with plans to expand the orbiting laboratory and use the platform to build international alliances.

The legacy of ISS is ingenuity that ignited economic growth and cemented American leadership in space; commercial space stands ready to continue that legacy.