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John Buckner Hightower

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J. Buckner Hightower has a wealth of experience in the aerospace sector, with particular expertise in Russia, having worked with aerospace organizations in the Soviet Union and Russian Federation since 1988. In addition, he has more than twenty-five years experience in capital formation and financial consulting.

This combination of aerospace expertise, capital formation and financial experience, and long-standing association with Russia put Mr. Hightower in a unique position to knowledgeably and proficiently act as Excalibur Almaz's primary liaison with the international financial community.

Before joining Excalibur Almaz in 2005, he previously served as Vice-President and CFO of Space Commerce Corporation, which formed the historic first Soviet-American joint venture in aerospace.

As President of Aerospace Marketing Group, Inc., he led the first American team to conduct aerospace product sales activities in the Soviet National Pavilions at the 1989 and 1991 Paris Air Shows.

Mr. Hightower is a member of the Board of Trustees for the International Space University and Trustee of the Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Prize Trust, which makes annual awards to individuals for significant commercial accomplishments in aerospace, and to aerospace students in international contests

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin.