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Applied Technology Associates Expansion to Create Jobs

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Applied Technology Associates (ATA) announced Thursday a 26,000-square-foot, \$5 million expansion that will create high-tech jobs, boost its manufacturing capabilities, and provide a facility to assemble and test satellites.

The expansion at ATA will create 50 or more high-tech jobs over the next few years, said Tony Tenorio, ATA's CEO. The expansion more than doubles the company's space, bringing its total size to 43,000 square feet.

"I applaud Applied Technology Associates for making the decision to expand at the Sandia Science and Technology Park," U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman said. "ATA's location gives the company a unique opportunity to collaborate with Sandia National Laboratories and Kirtland Air Force Base. As a result, ATA is able to help advance our national security efforts while supporting hundreds of good jobs in New Mexico."

Rep. Martin Heinrich and Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry also visited ATA for the Ribbon Cutting event.

The company is a small business employing about 250 people in New Mexico with facilities in Albuquerque and at White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico.

ATA produces precision measurement, sensing and controls hardware and offers engineering, integration and test services and facilities to government, aerospace and industrial customers. The company's products are used in space, air, and ground applications. ATA has been a primary contributor to directed energy defense systems, spacecraft and aircraft attitude control systems, beam control systems, and inertial and vibration measurement and control systems.

The expansion includes a 7,200-square-foot satellite and payload assembly and test facility, which will help the company better support Sandia Labs, the Air Force Research Laboratory and other customers.

ATA welcomes the Space Dynamics Laboratory (SDL) from Logan, Utah into the new facility to enhance the two organizations' capabilities for collaboration. SDL's expansion in the Albuquerque area reflects their commitment to an important customer base in the community, company spokesman Eric Warren said.

"We're looking to grow our capabilities in satellite assembly and testing, and creating good paying jobs," Jim McNally, ATA's director of operations said. "ATA has been building space hardware over the past 10 years and the next logical progression was to start integrating subsystems together."

"We're providing the capability to enhance what is already being done by the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Operationally Responsive Space office, and hopefully this will help keep more of the funding managed by Kirtland for our nation's space programs in New Mexico," McNally said.

Applied Technology Associates (ATA), located in the Sandia Science and Technology Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a precision measurement, sensing, and controls company that offers custom hardware solutions, engineering services, and integration and test facilities and services to government, aerospace and commercial customers. Our services and solutions span space, air and ground applications. In its 35-year history, ATA has been a primary contributor to directed energy defense systems, spacecraft & aircraft attitude control systems, beam control systems, and inertial and vibration measurement and control systems spanning space, air and ground applications. For more information, visit www.aptec.com.

Celebrating 50 years, Space Dynamics Laboratory advances scientific and defense goals for commercial, civil and government customers. SDL is internationally renowned for expertise in calibrating complex sensor systems, setting sensor calibration and characterization standards, and disseminating calibration information. SDL has calibrated both its own instrumentation and instruments developed by a variety of agencies that include the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Missile Defense Agency, and NASA. SDL is a leading university affiliated applied research and engineering laboratory for aerospace, climate and defense applications and is a unit of Utah State University Research Foundation. SDL employs more than 400 dedicated scientists and engineers who provide sensor, electronic and software systems, calibration, and program lifecycle support. For more information, visit www.spacedynamics.org.