



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Completion of World View Facility and Certificate of Occupancy**

On December 29, 2016, the World View headquarters and manufacturing facility was turned over to World View executives. The project was completed on time and under budget.

Spaceport Tucson, to be operated by World View, is also nearing completion, with World View continuing to process Federal Aviation Administration certification as an official spaceport. The required federal, state and local approvals are expected in the future. It is likely the first approved balloon launch will occur in late February 2017.

World View has begun hiring additional staff and will rapidly accelerate their hiring process to operate their new manufacturing facility and headquarters.

We are pleased World View chose Pima County to expand their stratospheric balloon space operations. World View will likely employ over 400 people within the next 24 to 36 months.

CHH/anc

c: Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration
Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management