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NOCOM Manufacturing Trade Show Announces Keynote Speaker

Loveland, Colorado, Friday, August 5th, 2022 — <u>Northern Colorado Manufacturing Partnership</u> (<u>NOCOMfg</u>) announces Nick Doucette, Chief Operating Officer of Ursa Major as the Keynote Speaker for NOCOM 2022 to be held on September 28, 2022. The keynote speaker session sponsored by The Town of Berthoud will launch the 8th annual trade show held at <u>The Ranch Events Complex</u>.

The NOCOMFG Partnership is excited to have a regional business leader and industry expert to launch the tradeshow. Manufacturers in Colorado have a growing need for additional workforce now more than ever. The NOCOM Trade Show provides an ideal platform for manufacturers to connect with their supply chain, inspire the future workforce and attract job seekers to the thriving industry of manufacturing.

Nick Doucette is the Chief Operations Officer at Ursa Major. He joined the company in 2016 to help build the next generation of American-made rocket engines to get customers to space quickly, reliably, and affordably. Prior to joining Ursa Major, Nick worked for SpaceX where he led the manufacturing teams responsible for the Dragon capsule propulsion systems, production for the Merlin and Raptor engines, and additive manufacturing processes. Nick has always had a passion for space. He was born on Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada and attended Space Camp in Huntsville. He holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Boston University and a master's in business administration from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Nick lives in Berthoud, Colorado with his wife, daughter, and two sons.

"The Town of Berthoud is pleased to support NOCOM, the largest manufacturing trade show in Colorado. NOCOM is an excellent opportunity for our manufacturers to connect with local and national buyers, supply chain and prospective employees while also showcasing how manufacturing is an integral part of northern Colorado's economy and quality of life", said Chris Kirk, Berthoud Town Administrator.

NOCOM Manufacturing Trade Show 2022 Theme: Creating Connections. Strengthening Workforce. Building Community. Date: Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Keynote Session featuring Nick Doucette: 8:00am to 9:00am Location: The Ranch Events Complex 5280 Arena Cir Loveland, Colorado Register: www.nocomfg.com/nocom Keynote session is included for all exhibitors and registered attendees.

NOCOM 2022 is sponsored by FirstBank, Flood & Peterson, Plante Moran and Precision Machine Products.

NOCOM is the largest in person manufacturing trade show in Colorado and attracts manufacturers and their supply chain from across Colorado and beyond. The Ranch Events Complex has lifted all capacity restrictions for events allowing NOCOM to expand the event to full capacity. Exhibitor booths now include both 10X10 and 10X20 sized booths with opportunity to secure an end of aisle location with Prime Location purchase. Attendees will meet with qualified decision makers in the manufacturing industry, visit over 70 exhibitors, network with top companies in Colorado, attend private consulting sessions, learn best practices, and enjoy a kick-off B2B networking celebration. For more information and to register for this event, visit <u>www.nocomfg.com</u>. For more information on sponsorships, contact Amanda Miller, NOCOM Event Coordinator, 970.231.0316 amanda@theplacesettingcompany.com.

About Ursa Major

Ursa Major is America's only privately funded company that focuses solely on rocket propulsion, bringing high-performance, staged combustion engines to market for space launch and hypersonic applications. Ursa Major customers, ranging from "New Space" startups to enterprise-level aerospace leaders and the U.S. government, get to flight faster, more reliably, and cost-effectively. The company employs the most sought-after engineers from top space programs and universities and is backed by world-class investors including XN and Explorer 1 Fund. Headquartered in Berthoud, Colorado, Ursa Major was named one of the best places to work by Built in Colorado two years in a row. For more information, visit <u>www.ursamajor.com</u>.

About Northern Colorado Manufacturing Partnership

The NoCO Manufacturing Partnership was formed in 2013 because of Governor Hickenlooper's state Economic Development plan called the Colorado Blueprint. The Blueprint identified 11 key sectors of the economy in Colorado by region. Northern Colorado's two main sectors identified were Health and Wellness and Advanced Manufacturing. Regions within the state were encouraged to form sector partnerships to provide more localized grass roots support to augment state efforts in each sector. These would be industry specific, led by business, in partnership with economic development, education and workforce development. A collaboration arose as part of the Blueprint process involving people from each of these affiliations and the NoCO Manufacturing Partnership was born. It continues to be an all-volunteer, business led, FREE membership organization designed to support Northern Colorado manufacturers. It is served by a Board of Directors, representing each affiliation from private business to local government, as well as two active committees: Networking and Manufacturing Workforce. Find us on the <u>web</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.