NSI | CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY INITIATIVES

High-impact national security research and workforce development enabled by world-class research scientists and essential infrastructure

The Center for National Security Initiatives (NSI) has established core capability research areas across the University of Colorado Boulder campus, engaging with 60+ research faculty that align to research and development priorities of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the intelligence community, and providing advanced training for the next generation workforce.

As the **sole Tier-1 research institution in Colorado**, CU Boulder creates a prime opportunity for on-demand collaboration among technical experts in the aerospace and defense enterprise.







Applied and fundamental research supporting national security priorities Workforce development including hiring, internships and student projects Access to intellectual capital through world-class faculty, specialized academic programs and topical studies

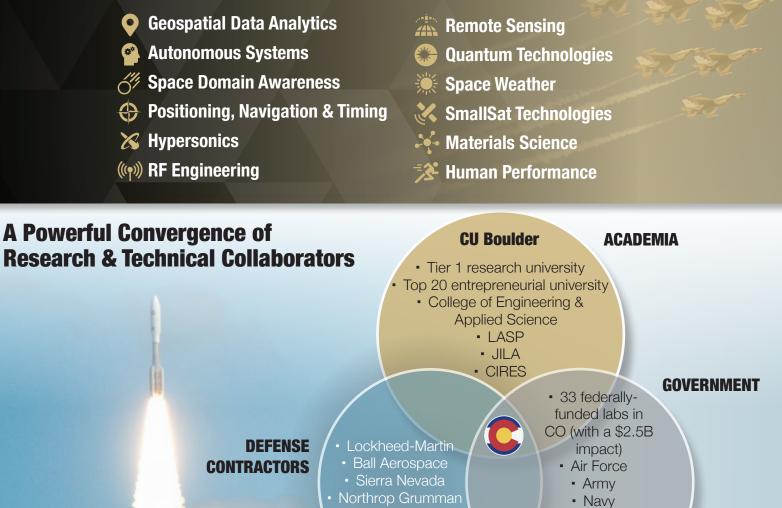
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Core Capabilities

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CU Boulder National Security Capabilities: Highlights



Space Domain Awareness

Missions: Space ops, anomalies

Challenges: Info fusion, perception, human factors, space environment, activity interference CU Strengths: Astrodynamics, sensor tasking, autonomy, estimation, GNC, space weather **NSI Research Leader:** Marcus Holzinger



Position, Navigation & Timing

Missions: Pervasive to land/sea/air/space ops Challenges: GNSS limited/denied environment, high precision, resilient operation, low SWaP CU Strengths: GNSS science, instrumentation, algorithms, vision & LIDAR, quantum sensing **NSI Research Leader:** Dennis Akos



Hypersonics

Missions: Strike, defense, ISR Challenges: Strongly coupled physics, materials, testing, validation CU Strengths: Aerothermodynamics, high-temperature materials, structures, GNC NSI Research Leader: lain Boyd



Autonomous Systems

Missions: Swarm, Urban/Subterranean, Space Challenges: Non-determinism, certification, test & evaluation **CU Strengths:** Field robotics, assured algorithms, control theory **NSI Research Leader:** Chris Heckman

Colorado's Front Range: A World-Class Innovation Ecosystem



Colorado is the 2nd largest aerospace economy in the nation



Home to Space Command,



NORTHCOM and 4 DoD installations



Colorado's aerospace industry generates **\$15.4B** in total annual output



CU Boulder is the #1 public university recipient of NASA research awards (#2 overall)



900+ active duty, reserve, National Guard and veteran students



1,800+ patents filed and/or issued for CU Boulder inventions since 2006



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