

DENVER—Colorado has applied for a federal spaceport designation.

Gov. Jim Hickenlooper announced Wednesday that his administration sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration seeking the designation.

The Denver Post reports (<http://goo.gl/H7o9N>) that a spaceport designation would allow a facility from which space-bound payloads can be launched.

New Mexico's Spaceport America is perhaps the best-known effort, but other states are pursuing or have such facilities.

Hickenlooper noted that Colorado is home to more than 140 aerospace companies and is ranked among the top three states in terms of revenue generated from the aerospace industry.

The governor has said Colorado could have the designation in place by the end of 2012.

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