

Jeffrey Manber
Chief Executive Officer
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Jeffrey has served as the CEO of Nanoracks from 2009 onwards. As employee #1 for Nanoracks, Jeffrey steered the growth of Nanoracks from a garage space in Webster, Texas to the largest customer base for use of the International Space Station. Under Jeffrey's leadership, Nanoracks was a pioneer, and now the leader, in the commercial market for low-Earth orbit utilization.

Today, Nanoracks has customers in over 30 countries, ranging from governmental agencies to universities and companies and most recently the Bishop Airlock, self-funded by Nanoracks, permanently docked to the International Space Station to provide cost-efficient deployment services.

Currently, Nanoracks is working with their parent company Voyager Space Holdings to develop a commercial free flyer space station which will be majority funded by the private sector, and with NASA as one customer, of many.

Jeffrey's prior experience includes serving as Managing Director of Energia USA, the American arm of RSC Energia. In 1991, he carried over the first commercial contract between NASA and the Soviet Union to use the Russian Soyuz as an escape vehicle for Space Station Freedom. Later, Jeffrey represented the Russian space organization when the basic agreements to realize the International Space Station were negotiated.

As CEO of MirCorp, which leased the Russian space station Mir, he oversaw the first ever commercially funded crewed mission, of over 70 days, to the Mir space station. His experience developing the business base for Mir, as well as now on the International Space Station has helped develop a truly international space station customer base for Nanoracks.

Jeffrey also co-developed the first fund dedicated to commercial space on Wall Street (Shearson Lehman/American Express) and has served as an adviser to numerous companies and governments. The author of three books, his second (Selling Peace) chronicles his time working with the Russian space program. Jeffrey has had the privilege of testifying before the Senate and House on numerous occasions.

In 2012, Jeffrey was awarded the NASA Exceptional Public Achievement Medal. Other industry awards include the Space Frontier Foundation's 2017 Pioneer of New Space Award, the 2019 Space Pioneer award for Entrepreneurship from the National Space Society, and the American Astronautical Society's 2011 Lloyd V. Berkner Award for "working tirelessly to advance the cause of commercial spaceflight ranging from early efforts for cooperative commercial space activities with Russia through current commercial science payloads flown on the ISS."

Jeffrey currently serves on the NASA NAC on commercialization and is the Chairperson of the CASIS/National Labs on commercial use of ISS.