

Webinar: Florida's Unparalleled Infrastructure & Logistics

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Frank DiBello has been President and CEO of Space Florida since 2009. Space Florida is the state's aerospace and spaceport development authority. In his position, he develops and executes programs designed to attract, retain and grow aerospace business across the state. Mr. DiBello also focuses on Florida aerospace workforce development and retention as well as international partnership development.

Additionally, he currently serves on the United States Department of Commerce Investment Advisory Council, helping advise Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on how government politics affect the nation's ability to attract and facilitate business investment from U.S. and international firms.

Mr. DiBello holds more than five decades of direct aerospace, defense and emerging space industry-related experience. Prior to Space Florida, Mr. DiBello was President and CEO of Florida's Aerospace Finance Corporation (FAFC), established by the Florida Legislature to assist financing the infrastructure needs of new and established companies for the aerospace space, and aviation markets.

Frank spent more than 20 years at KPMG, in various management positions where he was responsible for guiding the firm's aerospace industry consulting practice, heavily focused on support of major aerospace merger, acquisitions and consolidations. He founded KPMG's Space Industry Practice, which focused on new space businesses, taking major satellite programs to Wall Street for financing and led the effort to develop commercial uses of the International Space station (ISS).

Mr. DiBello served on President Reagan's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, also known as the Grace Commission, and was responsible for management of the teams reviewing the Departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Office of the Secretary of Defense and NASA.

Mr. DiBello formed SpaceVest, a venture capital firm focused on investments in companies taking defense and space technologies to commercial applications and markets. He later served as President and CEO of Constellation Communications, International (CCI), which held an Iridium-



class license from the FCC, where he planned and raised the financing for a global satellite network for mobile broadband communication services.

Mr. DiBello has been involved in multiple civic, social and industry organizations. He currently serves on the board of directors for United Way of Brevard (Florida) and is the past chair of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation. He founded the Washington Space Business Roundtable and was appointed to serve on several defense and space commissions. He was also President of the Board of USO Metropolitan Washington.

Mr. DiBello has taught at the Defense Systems Management College and International Space University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University, and did graduate work at American University and George Washington University.