

The increasingly crowded U.S. space race

NASA is setting its sights on the moon once more – with a view to future manned missions to Mars – which is encouraging commercial companies to build rocket boosters capable of carrying cargo and people into space

Latest entrant

Orbital ATK

Next Generation Launcher (NGL)

Drawing on its experience of shuttle-derived solid rocket boosters it uses to power U.S. nuclear missiles and interceptors, **Orbital ATK** is looking to compete for government and commercial contracts using its own launch vehicle system

Due: 2021

Main purpose, key

 Satellites/cargo

 Tourism

 Moon

 Mars

Due: 2019

Due: 2020s

