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Mr. Bontrager entered the Air Force in 1987, where he served in a broad range of operational, joint staff, policy, and command positions, including launch operations with the Delta II launch vehicle and command of the 45<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group which provided critical support to military, civil and commercial space launch missions. He served as Vice President for Spaceport Operations with Space Florida and led the development of Florida's First Spaceport System plan which resulted in over \$1.5B of state and industry investment in Florida's spaceports at Cecil Spaceport in Jacksonville and the Cape Canaveral Spaceport on the Space Coast.