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NASA is on a Journey to Mars and commercial space is a key component of our strategy to

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send American astronauts to the Red Planet in the 2030s.

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In 2010 when President Obama laid out his vision for space exploration, it may have

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been hard to believe that six years later we'd be regularly transporting cargo to

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the International Space Station on commercial spacecraft, or that we'd be on the verge

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of returning launches of American astronauts to the station from U.S. soil on the spacecraft

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of American companies.

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Today, that's our reality.

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SpaceX and Orbital ATK are the first commercial space companies to deliver cargo to the ISS.

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We've also ordered the first missions from SpaceX and The Boeing Company -- the first

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American companies that will carry American astronauts to space.

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The first astronauts are now training for test flights aboard commercial spacecraft

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in preparation for those missions .

We're closer than ever before to sending

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American astronauts to Mars.

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We're "insourcing" American jobs and empowering American entrepreneurs and innovators

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to expand the new commercial market in low-earth orbit.

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Today, we're marking another significant milestone.

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We are announcing the companies that will continue our successful commercial cargo program

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until at least 2024.

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This phase of the program will allow us to continue using the space station as our springboard

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to the rest of the solar system and a testbed for human health in space.

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Our investment in commercial space is creating jobs and it's bringing us closer to sending

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American astronauts to Mars.

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With the commercial cargo successes to date and our announcement today I am very confident