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**Dr. Burton H. Lee PhD MBA** is Principal and co-founder of [Space Angels Network](#), a professionally managed national network of seed- and early-stage investors focused on aerospace-related ventures. Space Angels' strategic relationships with venture capital firms, corporate M&A and venturing groups, federal S&T agencies, state economic development organizations, research universities, incentive prize foundations and Internet technology providers create a robust ecosystem for space entrepreneurs and investors to connect for sustained deal flow and sound due diligence.

Dr. Lee also serves as Managing Partner of *Innovarium Ventures*. Based in Silicon Valley, *Innovarium Ventures* provides senior strategic, financial and technical advisory services to technology startup CXOs, venture capital and private equity firms, angel investor groups, investment banks, major corporations and federal S&T agencies in the areas of venture finance, corporate and technology strategy, business plan and SBIR proposal evaluation, engineering design and architecture, new product development, due diligence and emerging technology trends. The startups he advises encompass the commercial space, advanced computing, Internet, software, semiconductor, MEMS, nanotechnology, alternative energy, clean tech and advanced materials sectors.

Lee's professional credentials span over 15 years of senior executive leadership and advisory positions with global technology corporations, strategy consulting firms, venture-backed startups, institutional investors, federal S&T agencies, state economic development offices, leading research universities, foreign governments and industry associations. His management and technical experience includes senior executive and research positions with Hewlett Packard, GE Global Research, DaimlerChrysler AG and NASA in the United States, Europe and Japan. During 2007-2008, Lee served as Innovation Policy Advisor to Governor Bill Richardson's presidential campaign and advised the National Science Foundation (NSF) on its commercialization initiatives.

Burton's professional history within the global space industry dates back to 1988 when he managed the fledgling Stanford small satellite program as a graduate student. In the early 1990's, Lee co-founded Spaceport America, New Mexico, in addition to serving as a research engineer on the Space Shuttle's Thermal Protection System and Space Station telerobotics. He also counseled NASA Ames in the area of new venture development and spin outs, as well as technology transfer and commercialization. Most recently, he acted as a technical consultant to the New Mexico Spaceport Authority. Space Angels Network finds Dr. Lee in his fourth role as serial entrepreneur and co-founder within the space industry, including his role as a founding angel investor in Constellation Communications Inc.

Burton holds a PhD in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from Stanford University (2002), an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship (Cornell, 2004) and an AB in Physics from Brown University. He is a graduate of the 1988 inaugural class of the International Space University. Additional professional and academic awards, credentials and background are available at his [LinkedIn profile](#). Dr. Lee resides in Silicon Valley, California.

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