

## Re: Getting Mega Projects Done

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Earl Colby Pottinger <[earlcp@idirect.com](mailto:earlcp@idirect.com)> wrote in message  
news:<[jrSdnacfxJsVNQDcRVn-pA@look.ca](mailto:jrSdnacfxJsVNQDcRVn-pA@look.ca)>...

- > *You keep your idea secret and it never get done – you get nothing.*
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- > *You keep your idea secret and someone else comes up with it – you get nothing.*
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- > *You keep your idea secret and someone else comes up with a better idea – you*  
> *get nothing.*

All true, although only the first one bothers me really. To rectify that I have made arrangements to have my data examined if I pass on. Your comments are based on the assumption that I will never have the resources to accomplish the task, because you do not the details of my life. I am fairly certain that at the very least when I retire I will be able to launch this (in 20 years or so, FYI). As you have said, the funding would be available once the project is shown to be workable.

I am really just trying to get a feel for when it would be logical to seek funding. My day job is with various startup companies, and at any point I could stop looking for new ones, sell my interest, and start my own aerospace company. But I do not have a good feel for when the timing would be appropriate, because of the lack of successful startups to model on.

Obviously, I must weigh the risks and rewards of forming a new aerospace startup. Right now, I have difficulty giving up a "sure thing" for an unknown, so I am trying to quantify the unknown.

On another note, if you were looking the form an areospace startup, where would you look for employees? The first few are going to be critical in order to make the company sucessful... any recommendations? Does anyone work on spec after the '91 crash, other than me?