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THE COSTA RICA SPACE AGENCY: A NEW PARADIGM FOR A SELF-SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC
SPACE AGENCY

Abstract

Costa Rica, a country of more than five million people, has enjoyed development in the last decades that has transformed the country from a mainly agricultural economy to a complex economy where the main exportation products are medical devices and electronics. Since a decade ago, aerospace engineering has been proposed as a tool for development in the country. For this reason, a study was conducted in the country in 2012 showing that the aerospace market value in Costa Rica was $170MM$, *which approximately*