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NASA HOSTS 2009 EXPLORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY EXPOSITION

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif., -- NASA Ames Research Center and NASA Research Park will host the 2009 Exploration and Sustainability Expo April 21, 2009 to showcase state-of-the-art technologies.

Sponsored by NASA Research Park and NASA Ames' Innovative Partnerships Program, the Expo will be featured in Bldg. 943 at Ames from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PDT, and provide an opportunity for NASA Ames researchers, NASA Research Park (NRP) partners and the Silicon Valley business community to meet, network and discuss technology development collaborations.

"It's very exciting to see the synergy among NASA Research Park partnerships in businesses, universities and non-profits, with NASA Ames researchers that has enhanced the creativity and productivity of all involved," said Michael Marlaire, NRP director at NASA's Ames. "Our Expo will give the public a vision of our future developments, which continues our quest into space, while providing innovative solutions to our problems on Earth."

More than 40 showcase exhibits from NRP tenants and NASA researchers will be on display, highlighting relevant research and underscoring NASA's vision of leveraging technology for a cleaner, greener Earth.

"Efficient and sustainable systems are absolutely necessary as we set out to explore the solar system. The technology we develop for space can be used to create a sustainable future here on Earth," said Gary Martin, director for New Ventures and Communication at NASA's Ames.

Exhibits will run the gamut from electric cars, personal rapid transit systems and 21st century propulsion systems to carbon exchange credit implementation, disaster relief, unmanned aerial vehicle technology, and exploration robots.

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In parallel with the exhibits, a world class roster of NASA, industry and academic speakers will give short presentations in the NASA 943A Exploration Theatre, ranging from future urban transportation models to new battery systems and applications for space life support on Earth. NASA will also discuss its "green" technologies, and the University Associates Silicon Valley LLC will preview its planned 73 acre "green" campus.

Details: To reach NASA Ames, take Moffett Field exit off U.S. 101 and head east on Moffett Boulevard. The Expo is outside the Main Gate around the Exploration Center. No badging is required.

For more information about NASA Research Park, visit:

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