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Space Technology 5 launches no earlier than March 6

◆ **ELV Update:** The Pegasus XL launch vehicle was mated to the Space Technology 5 spacecraft on Monday. The Pegasus/ST5 combination is scheduled to be mated to the L-1011 aircraft March 2. Launch has been postponed to no earlier than March 6.



◆ **Shuttle Update:** The space shuttle main engines 2 and 3 have been reinstalled on Discovery after passing leak checks. On Tuesday, the forward reaction control system was installed. Booster stacking continues in the Vehicle Assembly Building.

■ **NASA News** — The NASA Shared Services Center is hosting a ground breaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Friday on the grounds of the Stennis Space Center, Miss. Participating are NASA Administrator Michael Griffin, NASA Deputy Administrator Shana Dale, Shared Services Center Executive Director Richard Arbuthnot, Computer Sciences Corp. President Michael Laphen and government officials.

The NASA Shared Services Center will provide the agency with centralized administrative processing, human resources, procurement and financial services. Computer Sciences Corporation was awarded the services provider contract. The center eventually will employ approximately

500 contractors and civil servants.

■ **NASA PM Challenge Schedule Now Available** — Start planning your conference session selections today! PM Challenge is a centerpiece of NASA's knowledge-sharing program within the Academy of Program/Project and Engineering Leadership (APPEL). The conference is open to project managers and team members at all levels. NASA stakeholders from industry and academia are welcome to attend. NASA's Project Management Challenge 2006 conference will be held March 21 and 22 at the Moody Gardens Hotel & Conference Center in Galveston, Texas. The conference schedule for PM Challenge 2006 is now available at: http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/Docs/Schedule/PM_Challenge_Program_Schedule-02-06-06-1.xls and http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/Docs/Schedule/PM_Challenge_Program_Schedule-02-06-06-2.xls.



■ **FY-2006 KSC Telephone Directory** — The KSC Telephone Directory is now being distributed. To continue established cost reductions, only two copies are being distributed to each mail stop. To support management's decision, a justification will be

Discovery's engines ready to go

required to obtain additional copies of the directory. The KSC directory is on the Web at

<http://phonedirectory.ksc.nasa.gov/>. Telephone directory request will be accepted from personnel who do not have computers that provide access to the Internet. Request can be made online at

http://phonedirectory.ksc.nasa.gov/cf/request_form.cfm or by submitting the following information to moore_bann@nasa.gov: mail code, room, building, phone number, justification and number of copies required. IT-D1 will notify customers of all disapproved requests.

Customers may recycle their old KSC telephone directories by placing them in their office recycling containers.

■ **Did You Know?** As of 8 a.m. on Feb. 22 through August 2006, the center automatic doors and the east manual doors of the Headquarters lobby will be closed. **The two manual doors west of the lobby center automatic doors will remain open and unobstructed at all times.** In addition, plywood will be placed in front of the lobby windows and inaccessible doors to protect them from construction debris, as is similarly done to protect the windows during a hurricane. This work must be done to permit the contractor to perform demolition and concrete work as required by the contract. Please be cautious and aware when entering and exiting the facility.

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