



# countdown

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## Discovery returns to KSC after week in California



### ◆ Shuttle Update:

Discovery returned to KSC on Monday on a ferry flight from Edwards Air Force Base in California. After leaving Edwards on Monday at 9:20 a.m. EDT, the piggy-backed shuttle and Shuttle Carrier Aircraft made three stops along the way for fueling: Amarillo and Ft. Worth, Texas, and Shreveport, La. Before landing at KSC, the SCA and Discovery had to navigate through a line of showers across Louisiana and around KSC.

Also on Monday, the two solid rocket boosters and external fuel tank for Atlantis' upcoming STS-129 mission were attached. Atlantis is targeted to launch Nov. 12 at 4:10 p.m. EDT for an 11-day flight to the space station.

◆ **ELV Update:** To accommodate readiness of the STSS Demo spacecraft, the launch of the Delta II has been rescheduled for Wednesday at 8 a.m. EDT. The launch window is 60 minutes long.

Today at 11:30 p.m., the mobile service tower will be pulled away from the Delta II rocket. The terminal countdown begins at 5:20 a.m. tomorrow to start the loading of the RP-1 fuel and liquid oxygen aboard the Delta II first stage.

■ **Ares I-X Update:** NASA will host a ceremony to officially turn over the LCC's Firing Room 1 from the Space Shuttle Program to the Constellation Program on Friday at 10 a.m. The room has undergone demolition and construction and has been outfitted with consoles for the upcoming Ares I-X rocket flight test targeted for launch Oct. 31.

## STSS Demo launch confirmed for Wednesday

■ **Enterprise License Management Team Saving Millions for NASA** — NASA's Office of the Chief Information Officer has implemented a strategy for the consolidation of a variety of software and maintenance contracts into Enterprise License Agreements, or ELAs, that provide agency-wide support under single contracts rather than multiple contracts across the agency. The Enterprise License Management Team, or ELMT, was formed in May 2008 at the NASA Shared Services Center. The ELMT is responsible for supporting the agency CIO in the design, development, deployment, implementation, analysis and review of agency enterprise licensing.

The ELMT also works with center information technology application managers to negotiate economy of scale pricing for selected software licenses and information technology seat management requirements.

Since its creation, the ELMT has awarded consolidated agency software contracts for five software requirements. The consolidation of these software requirements benefits the agency in several ways:

Reduced prices for software licenses and maintenance support through volume buying.

Inclusion of other software products that are available under an enterprise license but not under an individual license.

Elimination of dozens of individual licenses across the agency, along with the costs incurred to award, administer and close out those individual orders.

Ability to transfer excess or unused licenses from one center to another.

ELMT members recently received a 2009 Acquisition Improvement Award for their extraordinary efforts in cost avoidance. Since formation in May 2008, the team has saved or avoided more than 4.5 million dollars through the life of the contracts managed.

■ **Use Your Smartcard to Access Your Desktop Computer** — In November, KSC will be implementing the use of Smartcards for desktop log-in on Windows systems. The PIV badge, or Smartcard, that you use to gain entrance to KSC, and the PIN you selected when you received your Smartcard may be used to access your desktop. If you have forgotten your PIN, you're not alone. You will be able to go to a location near you to have your PIN reset by a volunteer PIN resetter starting in November. Countdown will publish the locations and hours when they are available. For more information, please visit:

<https://cs.ksc.nasa.gov/team/dsitar/default.aspx>.

■ **NASA Exchange Annual 3-D Sale** — NASA Exchange will be having their 3-D ( Damaged/Defective/Discontinued) product sale Sept. 23-24 in the HQ cafeteria 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All sales will be cash only and all sales are final.

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