

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
INVENTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS BOARD  
SPACE ACT AWARD APPLICATION**

**BACKGROUND:**

**THE NASA SPACE ACT MONETARY AWARDS PROGRAM FOR SIGNIFICANT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The objectives of this program are to provide official recognition of, and to grant equitable monetary awards for those inventions and other scientific and technical contributions that have helped to achieve NASA's aeronautical, commercialization, and space goals; and to stimulate and encourage the creation and reporting of similar contributions in the future. To accomplish these objectives, the Inventions and Contributions Board is authorized to recommend the granting of monetary awards in amounts up to \$100,000 in accordance with the provisions of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, and to grant monetary awards in amounts up to \$10,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Government Employees Incentive Awards Act of 1954. Space Act awards can be made to any person with no restriction as to employer, and in accordance with the regulations as specified in the Federal Register Vol. 55, No. 5, (14 CFR Part 1240). Awards made under the authority of the Incentive Awards Act can be made to U.S. Government employees only.

**GUIDELINES:**

In determining the merits of an invention or a contribution, the Board depends primarily on the information provided by the contributor(s)/technical evaluator in the Space Act Award Application. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that NASA technical personnel are the best sources of reliable information concerning contributions made by employees of NASA or by employees of NASA's contractors whose activities are under their cognizance. For this contribution, it is appropriate for the contributor(s)/ technical evaluator to supply the information that the Board requires in order to make a recommendation that is equitable to both the contributor(s) and NASA. We are therefore asking you to assist the Board by completing, accurately and thoroughly, the application which follows these explanatory remarks. For your convenience we suggest that you familiarize yourself with the contents of the application by reading it completely before answering the questions. Please provide all pertinent facts, specific details, explanations, and opinions regarding seven important factors that characterize the contribution. These factors are: (1) Description, (2) Significance, (3) Stage of Development, (4) Use, (5) Creativity, (6) Recognition and (7) Tangible Value. The Board welcomes any additional information that you believe will contribute to the completeness of its deliberations. If you find it necessary to modify or expand the format of the application in order to provide such extra information, please do so.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND AWARDS LIAISON OFFICE RESPONSIBILITY:**

Please be thorough and candid with your evaluation. Each section must be filled in, and where appropriate, signed by the evaluators. **In no case should the evaluator be identified as a contributor.** The full legal name, employer's name and percentage contribution for each contributor is mandatory and at least one NASA official must sign in Section II to attest to NASA's sponsorship, adoption, support or use of the contribution. If any supplementary materials are provided; e.g., additional sheets, technical papers, engineering drawings, videotape, audio cassettes, photographs, computer diskettes, etc., each must be marked and identified by the NASA Case Number and be converted to electronic format. The names and contact information for individuals familiar with the contribution would be helpful for evaluation. The Awards Liaison Officer of the NASA Center where the contribution is supported is responsible for accepting the application and subsequent submission to the Board. Please ensure that the contributors have signed a Privacy Act statement such as that forwarded to the Awards Offices by the ICB on May 13, 1992. All contributions should be officially reported to NASA by submission of Form 1679 Disclosure of Invention and New Technology (Including Software). In no case may a software innovation be reported on this form unless the software has been officially released by NASA to qualified users and reported to the ICB.

The Board sincerely appreciates the time and effort you will devote to the completion of the Space Act Award Application. We pledge to take prompt action to review and process your application. It is our intent to expeditiously reward excellence.

<b>NASA FORM 1329</b>	<b>Inventions and Contributions Board Space Act Award Application</b>	<b>NASA Case Number:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>SECTION I SPACE ACT AWARD APPLICATION</b>			
<b>TITLE</b>			

**1. DESCRIPTION.**

- a. Briefly describe the contribution. In addition, if peer-reviewed publications by contributors have been accepted on this topic in refereed journals or for refereed conference papers, please attach a copy with this form as a supplement.
- b. In what NASA program, project or mission has this contribution been used or will be utilized and to what extent? (Include any non-aerospace commercialization applications)
- c. Provide details describing how the contribution works or operates relative to system, subsystem, components, etc.

**2. SIGNIFICANCE.**

- a. Explain why the contribution is significant: scientifically, technologically, or from a humanitarian viewpoint, to the aeronautics, space community, and non-aerospace commercial activities.

b. Estimate the degree of scientific or technological significance by a marking a box below:

0                       1                       2                       3                       4   
**None**                      **Modest**                      **Average**                      **Major**                      **Maximum**

c. Estimate the significance of the contribution relative to a specific NASA program or mission by marking a box below:

0                       1                       2                       3                       4   
**None**                      **Modest**                      **Average**                      **Major**                      **Critical**

**3. STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.**

Indicate the stage of development of the contribution by a mark on the line below:

0                       1                       2                       3                       4   
**Concept**                      **Simulated**                      **Tested**                      **Fully Developed**                      **Operational**

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**4. ASSESSMENT OF USE.**

- a. If the contribution is now in operation, describe its performance and value within both the aerospace field and its application to non-aerospace commercial and government uses.
- b. If the contribution is not now in operational use, describe its most likely or previous applications and the extent of commercial, (includes non-aerospace commercialization) government and/or NASA-specific uses.
- c. Will the contribution increase in value or in its applications over time and in what manner?

**5. CREATIVITY.**

What is your assessment of the creativity displayed in the conduct of this contribution, relative to the expected performance of those in similar positions?

0                       1                       2                       3                       4                       5   
**None**                      **Low**                      **Modest**                      **Average**                      **High**                      **Very High**

**6. RECOGNITION**

*What forms of recognition have been received by the contributors for this contribution? Have previous awards been made to the contributor(s) for this accomplishment? Please describe.*

**7. TANGIBLE VALUE.**

*As a measure of the tangible value of this contribution, estimate the following:*

- a. NASA cost savings\* to date and in future years. \*State the rationale for the below cost estimates.*
  
- b. Current market value and potential as a commercial product or process.*
  
- c. Other measurable value: increased efficiency, enabling technology, improved management, etc.*

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II COMMENTS AND CONCURRENCE**

**1. EVALUATOR (required signature)**

*I recommend/do not recommend a Space Act Award for this contribution for the following reasons.*

<i>Printed Name and Signature</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>NASA Installation</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Other</i>

**2. EVALUATOR'S SUPERVISOR**

*I support/do not support a Space Act Award for this contribution for the following reasons.*

<i>Printed Name and Signature</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**3. TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT (required signature)**

*I support/do not support a Space Act Award for this contribution for the following reasons. Further, I verify that the contribution is significant to NASA Aeronautics and space Activities and that NASA has adopted, supported, sponsored or used this scientific or technical contribution.*

<i>Printed Name and Signature</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**4. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER MANAGEMENT**

*I support/do not support a Space Act Award for this contribution for the following reasons.*

<i>Printed Name and Signature</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARDS LIAISON OFFICE**

**5. IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTORS**

<i>Contributor Name</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Percentage of Contribution</i>

**6. PATENT INFORMATION**

<i>Patent Applied for? Y/N</i> <i>Granted? Y/N</i>	<i>Serial Number or Patent Number</i>
<i>Application filed by: Government?</i> <i>Non-Government?</i>	<i>Date Filed or Granted</i>
<i>License Granted</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Y</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>N</i>	<i>Company Name:</i>

7. EVALUATION NUMBER 1 2 3

8. BUSINESS ADDRESS(S) OF CONTRIBUTORS IF OTHER THAN NASA EMPLOYEES

9. AWARD LIAISON OFFICER COMMENTS AND SIGNATURE (required signature)

<i>Printed Name and Signature</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Date</i>