



# Ares

## WEEKLY SUMMARY



**Annual Ares Awards Celebration:** On June 4 the Ares Projects held its annual Ares Awards Ceremony to recognize groups and individuals who have contributed to the Projects' progress over the past year. These awards included an overall "Spotlight Achievement" award, which was presented to the Ares I-X team for accomplishing their flight test on October 28, 2009. Group Achievement Awards were presented to 1,000 Ares employees participating in teams across each of the Element Offices, while 50 "Made It Happen" Awards were presented to individuals for their efforts. In her opening remarks, Ares Project Manager Teresa Vanhooser acknowledged and stressed the importance of recognizing team and individual accomplishments despite being in a time of constrained resources. Congratulations to all of the recipients for their hard work during the last year!



*Ares I-X Deputy Manager Accepts the Spotlight Achievement Award*



*Ares Team Enjoys Lunch and Discussion at the Ares Awards Day*

**Upper Stage (US)**

**Stage Operations:** Significant progress continues to be made on three new Upper Stage manufacturing areas in B103 at Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. The turntable for the Ingersoll Machining Center was set on April 29 and installation of structural steel and deck surrounding the turntable installation is nearing completion. The Robotic Weld Tool (RWT) facility construction was completed and officially turned over to Boeing on May 18 and construction of the Vertical Assembly Building (VAB) is almost 60 percent complete.



*Ingersoll Machining Center*



*Power Equipment Disconnects at the Northeast Corner of the RWT Foundation*



*VAB Construction*

***The Ares Projects look forward to the test firing of DM-2 on September 2, and the launch of STS-133, Space Shuttle Discovery, in mid-September.***