



# Space Launch System (SLS) Program Overview

SLS Industry Day

*Marshall Small Business Alliance*



Space Launch System



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*To reach for new heights and reveal the unknown,  
so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.*

## **NASA Strategic Goals**

- ✓ *Extend and sustain human activities across the solar system.*
  - ✓ Expand scientific understanding of the Earth and the universe in which we live.
  - ✓ Create the innovative new space technologies for our exploration, science, and economic future.
- Advance aeronautics research for societal benefit.
- ✓ Enable program and institutional capabilities to conduct NASA's aeronautics and space activities.
  - ✓ Share NASA with the public, educators, and students to provide opportunities to participate in our mission, foster innovation, and contribute to a strong national economy.

*SLS Clearly Contributes to NASA's Strategic Goals*

# SLS and the NASA Authorization Act of 2010



- ◆ **The Congress approved and the President signed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010**
  - Bipartisan support for human exploration beyond low-Earth orbit (LEO)
- ◆ **The Law authorizes**
  - Extension of the International Space Station (ISS) until at least 2020
  - Strong support for a commercial space transportation industry
  - Development of a Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV) and heavy lift launch capabilities
  - A “flexible path” approach to space exploration, opening up vast opportunities including near-Earth asteroids and Mars
  - New space technology investments to increase the capabilities beyond Earth orbit (BEO)



*This rocket is key to implementing the plan laid out by President Obama and Congress in the bipartisan 2010 NASA Authorization Act.*  
— NASA Administrator Charles Bolden  
September 14, 2011



*The SLS Acquisition Strategy  
Reflects Executive and Legislative Branch Direction and Law*

# SLS Is a National Asset for Multiple Stakeholders and Partners



## Initial Exploration Missions

- Space Launch System
- Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle
- 21st Century Ground Operations

## Gaining the High Ground

- Cis-Lunar Space
- Geostationary Orbit
- High-Earth Orbit
- Lunar Flyby & Orbit
- Lunar Surface

## Into the Solar System

- Interplanetary Space
- Initial Near-Earth Asteroid Missions

## Exploring Other Worlds

- Low-Gravity Bodies
- Full-Capability Near-Earth Asteroid Missions
- Phobos/Deimos

## Planetary Exploration

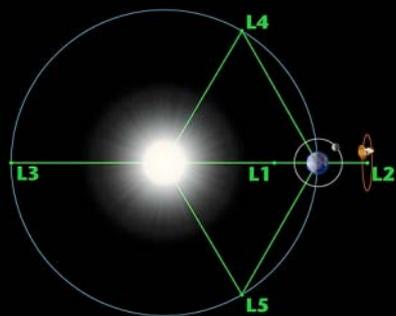
- Mars
- Solar System

**SLS —  
Safe, Affordable, Sustainable**

Legend:

- Objective**
- Missions

# SLS Is a National Capability for Exploration Missions



## High-Earth Orbit (HEO)/Geosynchronous-Earth Orbit (GEO)/Lagrange Points:

- Microgravity destinations beyond LEO
- Opportunities for construction, fueling, and repair of complex in-space systems
- Excellent locations for advanced space telescopes and Earth observatories

## Earth's Moon:

- Witness to the birth of the Earth and inner planets
- Has critical resources to sustain humans
- Significant opportunities for commercial and international collaboration



## Mars and Its Moons Phobos and Deimos:

- A premier destination for discovery: Is there life beyond Earth? How did Mars evolve?
- True possibility for extended, even permanent, stays
- Significant opportunities for international collaboration
- Technological driver for space systems



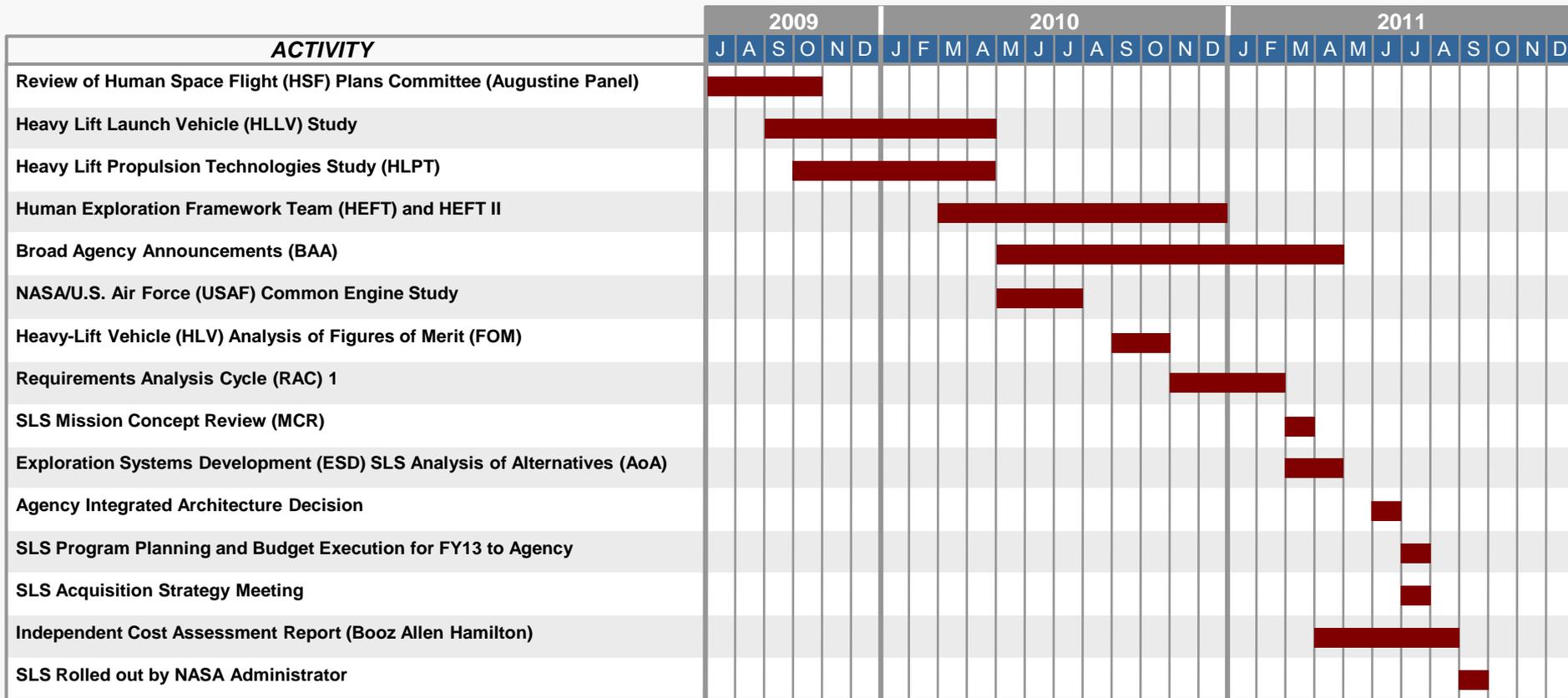
## Near-Earth Asteroids:

- Compelling science questions: How did the Solar System form? Where did Earth's water and organics come from?
- Planetary defense: Understanding and mitigating the threat of impact
- Potential for valuable space resources
- Excellent stepping stone for Mars



*SLS Is Evolvable and Flexible*

# SLS Roadmap: Extensive Engineering and Business Analyses and Planning



## ◆ **National Heavy-Lift Capacity**

- 70 tonnes (t) evolvable to 130 t
- Serves as primary transportation for MPCV and exploration missions
- Provides back-up capability for crew/cargo to ISS
- Offers volume for science missions and payloads of national importance

## ◆ **Safe**

- Loss of Crew: TBR
- Loss of Mission: TBR

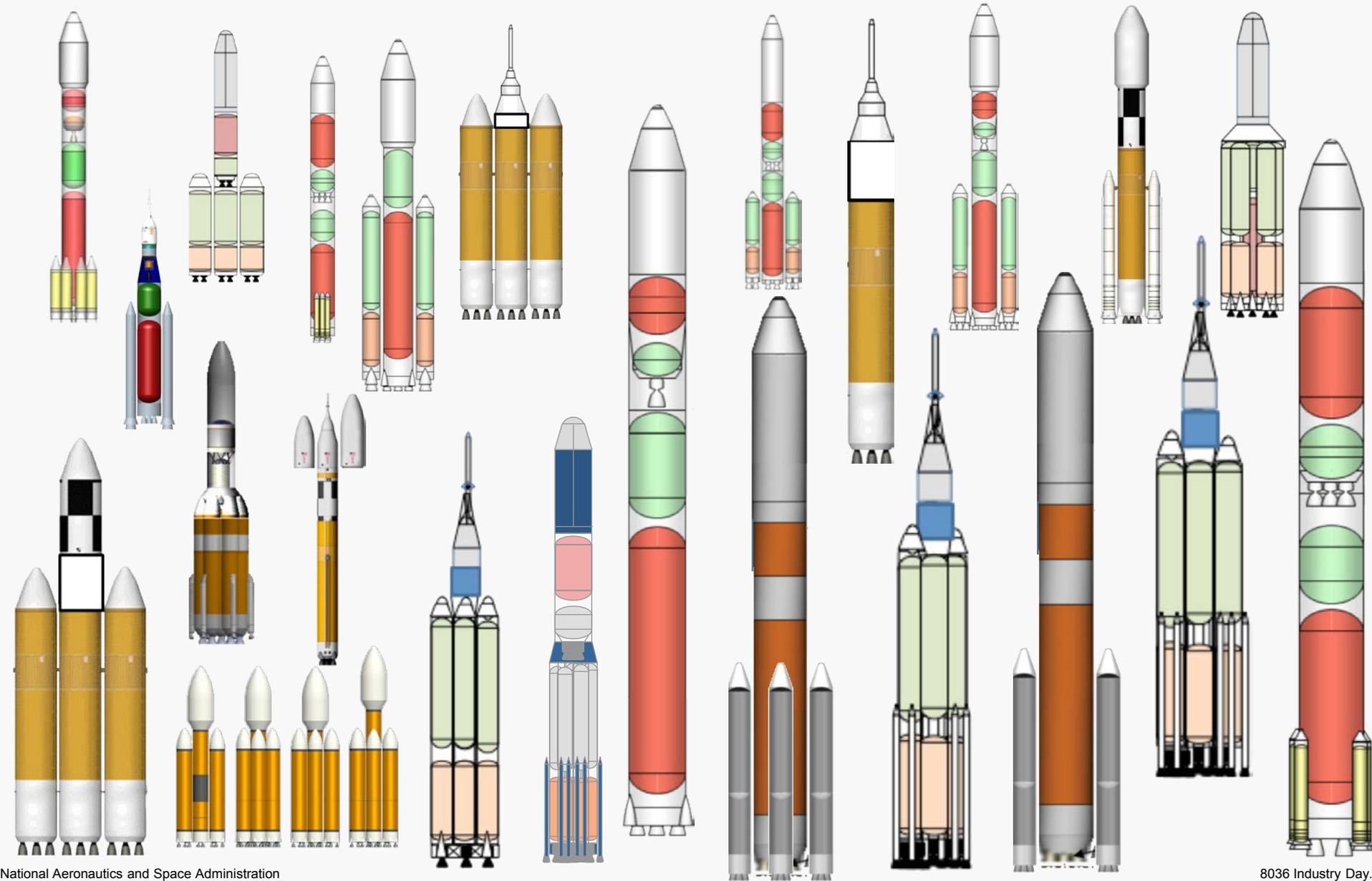
## ◆ **Affordable**

- Constrained budget environment, with no planned escalation
- Maximum use of common elements and existing assets, infrastructure, and workforce

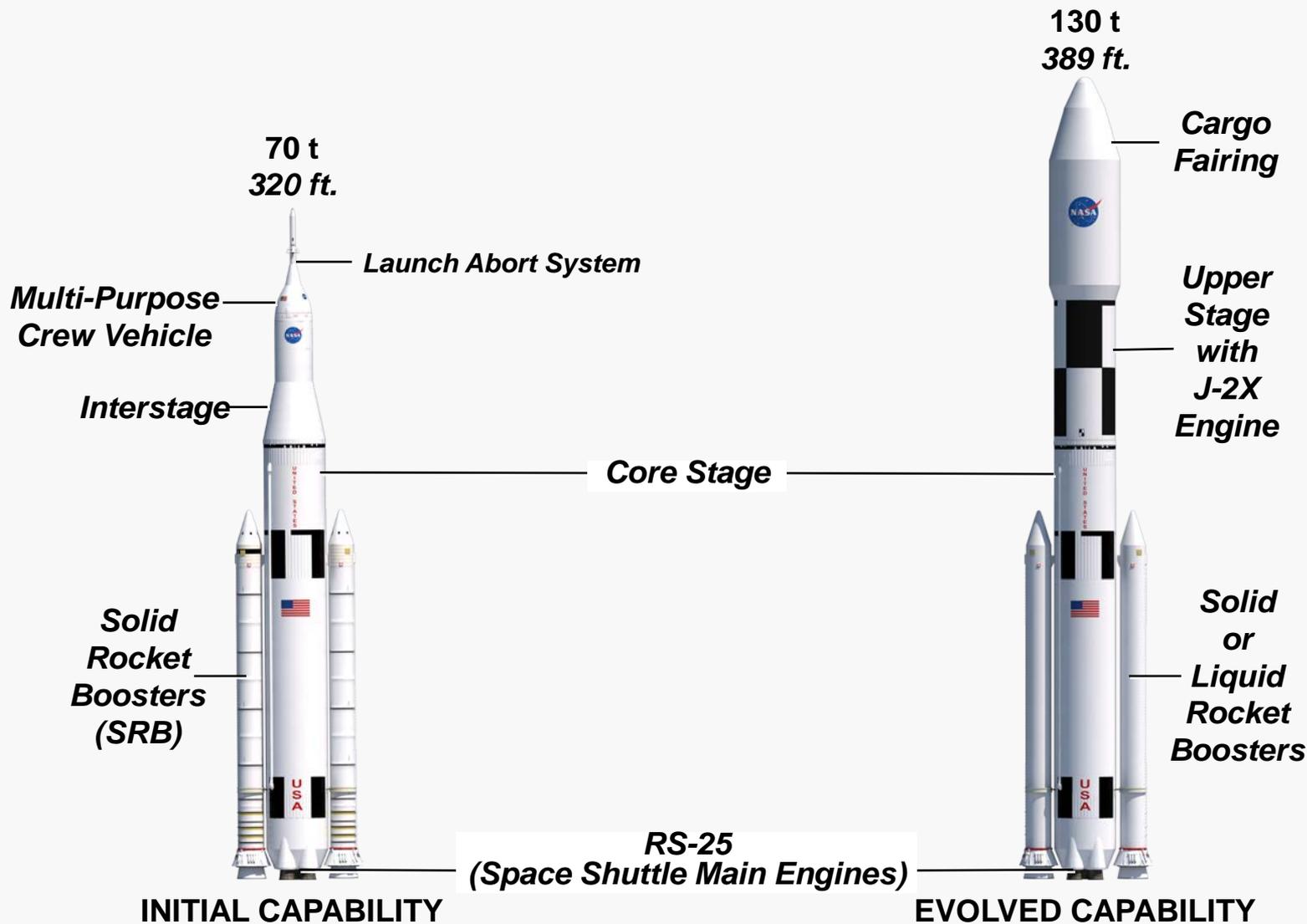
## ◆ **Near-Term Capability**

- First flight in 2017

# Many Solutions Considered

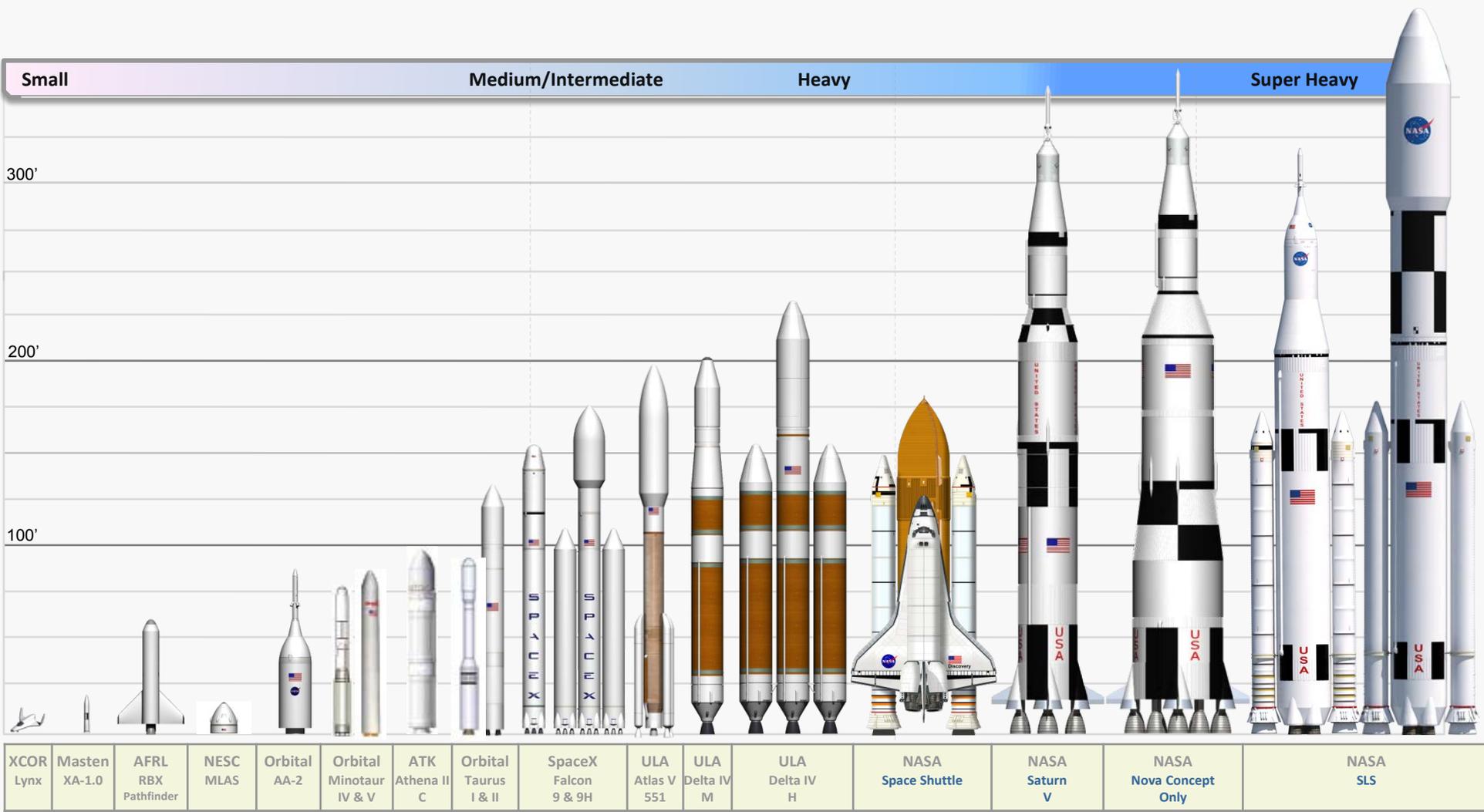


# SLS Concept Maximizes Existing U.S. Aerospace Workforce and Capabilities



*Leverages Existing Contracts, While Competing the Future*

# SLS Will Be the Most Capable U.S. Launch Vehicle



*Sample of Proposed and Fielded U.S. Systems*

# SLS Point of Departure (POD) Initial Concept



## ◆ Core Stage

- 27.5-foot (8.4-meter) diameter
- Liquid oxygen/liquid hydrogen (LOX/LH<sub>2</sub>) fuel (30 years of U.S. aerospace experience)
- RS-25 engines (starts with Space Shuttle Main Engine inventory assets)

## ◆ Commonality of Design and Manufacturing between Core Stage and Upper Stage

- Same diameter
- Single facility and contractor
- Modern manufacturing tooling and techniques

## ◆ Boosters

- Initial flights are 5-segment solid rocket boosters (Ares derived)
- Future flights will use competitively procured boosters, which may be solid or liquid

## ◆ J-2X Upper Stage Engine

- Restart capability supports future in-space transfer stages trade studies
- Metered development effort to support 130 t exploration missions

*Vehicle Development and Acquisition Phased  
to Fit Budget Constraints and Schedule Targets*

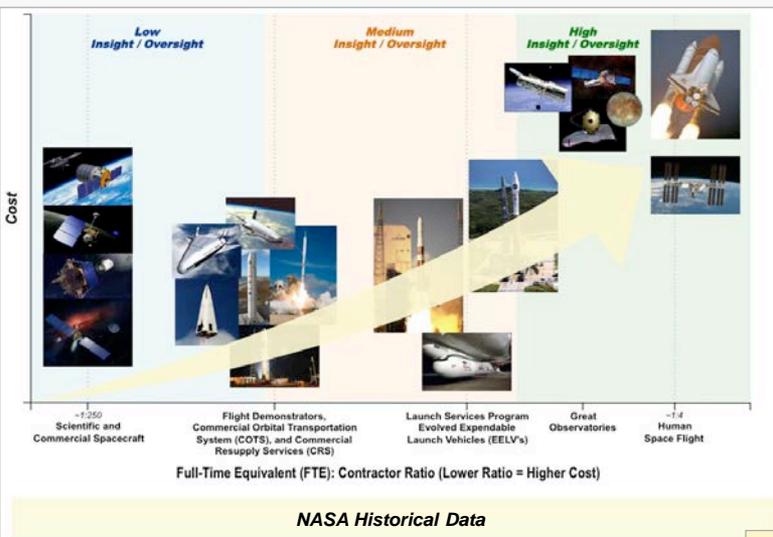
# SLS Vehicle Configuration Decision Rationale



- ◆ **Maintains U.S. leadership in LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> technology**
  - LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> Core Stage uses RS-25 engines; LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> Upper Stage uses J-2X engine
  - Establishes fixed central design path, with logical use of existing strength in design and modern manufacturing approaches
  - Harnesses existing knowledge base, skills, infrastructure, workforce, and industrial base for existing state-of-the-art systems
- ◆ **Minimizes unique configurations during vehicle development**
  - Evolutionary path to 130 t allows incremental development; thus, progress will be made, even within constrained budgets
  - Allows early flight certification for MPCV
  - May be configured for MPCV or science payloads, providing flexible/modular design and system for varying launch needs
  - Gains synergy, thus reducing design, development, test, and evaluation (DDT&E) costs and schedule by building the Core Stage and Upper Stage in parallel, thereby leveraging common tooling and engine-feed components

*Technical Trade Studies and Business Planning Validated Independently*

# SLS Affordability Tenets



- ◆ **Evolvable Development Approach**
  - Manage Within Constrained / Flat Budgets
  - Leverage Existing National Capabilities
  - Infuse New Design Solutions for Affordability

- ◆ **Robust Designs and Margins**
  - Performance Traded for Cost and Schedule

- ◆ **Risk-Informed Government Insight/Oversight Model**
  - Insight Based On:
    - Historic Failures
    - Industry Partner Past Performance/Gaps
    - Complexity and Design Challenges
  - Judicious Oversight:
    - Discrete Oversight vs. Near Continuous
    - Decisions Made Timely and Effectively

- ◆ **Right Sized Documentation and Standards**
  - Reduction in the Number of Program Documents
  - Industry Practices and Tailored NASA Standards

- ◆ **Lean, Integrated Teams with Accelerated Decision Making**
  - Simple, Clear Technical Interfaces with Contractor
  - Systems Engineering & Integration (SE&I) Organization
  - Empowered Decision Makers at All Levels

Program/Project Management	Risk-Averse Culture	Requirements/ Trades	Personnel/ Staffing
<b>INSIGHT &amp; OVERSIGHT</b>	Cost as independent variable in design trades	Clear requirements/ Rationale at the right level	Program / Project leadership
Planning for strategy vs. Near-term execution	Understanding implications of safety	Cost as independent variable in design trades	Right people in right roles
Clear and simple lines of accountability	Early identification and resolution of issues	Multiple reviews and approvals	Long-term skill maintenance / development
Business / contractual relationships, methods, and incentives	Delegation of authority	Industry vs. Government standards	Use of in-house capability to support programs
Use of modern technology	Certificate of Flight Readiness process	Cost requirements and estimates	
Smaller projects / Periodic achievable milestones			

**Opportunities for Change**

*SLS Acquisition Strategy Fully Supports Affordability, Which Is Required for Sustainability*

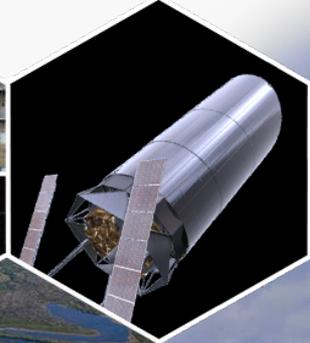
# Potential to Build on Heritage Hardware and Facilities



J-2X Test Firing/Space Shuttle Main Engine Testing  
Stennis Space Center



Payloads  
Goddard Space Flight Center



MPCV Integration  
Johnson Space Center



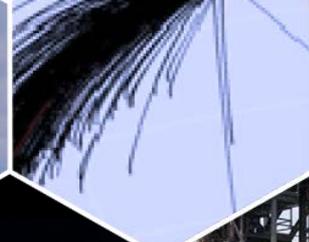
Composite Structures  
Glenn Research Center



Ground and Launch Operations  
Kennedy Space Center



Physics Based Analysis  
Ames Research Center



Manufacturing and Transportation  
Michoud Assembly Facility



**MCR Success Criteria**

	Current Evaluation	
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Wind Tunnel Testing  
Langley Research Center

Standing Review Team  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory

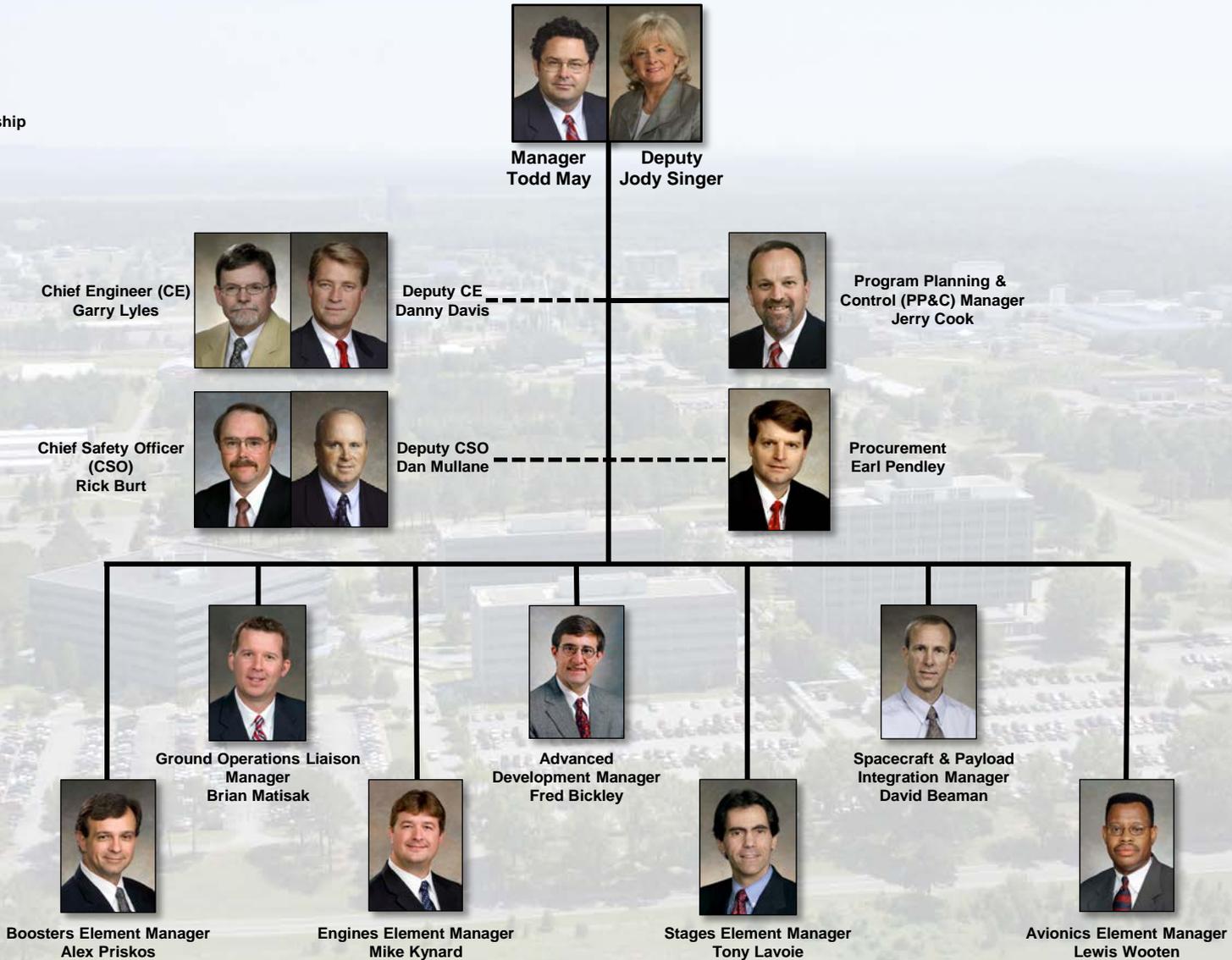
J-2X Upper Stage Engine Injector Firing  
Marshall Space Flight Center

Smartly Selecting the Most Efficient Infrastructure

# SLS Program Organization at MSFC



— Programmatic  
 - - - Matrix relationship



# Advancing the U.S. Legacy of Human Exploration



# Summary



- ◆ **SLS is a national capability that empowers entirely new exploration missions.**
- ◆ **Program key tenets are *safety, affordability, and sustainability*.**
- ◆ **SLS builds on a solid foundation of experience and current capabilities to enable a fast start and a flexible heavy-lift capacity for missions of national importance.**
- ◆ **The SLS acquisition will help U.S. aerospace industry stay strong as it develops initial capabilities, as well as provide competitive opportunities for advanced technologies for evolvable capabilities.**
- ◆ **The SLS Team has made significant progress and looks forward to working with you to continue America's leadership in space.**



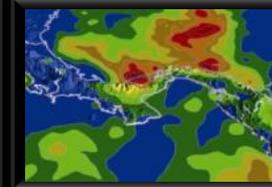


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# Path to the SLS Acquisition Plan



- ◆ The NASA Authorization Act of 2010 (PL 111-267, Oct. 11, 2010) requires that NASA deliver a Space Launch System with at least 70 t of initial capability and 130 t of evolved capability.
- ◆ The President's FY12 Budget Request includes funding for SLS.
- ◆ The FY11 Appropriation Act includes funding for SLS.
- ◆ NASA selected an architecture in June 2011 to meet the Authorization Act.
- ◆ NASA conducted an Agency-level SLS Acquisition Strategy meeting in July 2011.
- ◆ NASA conducted Procurement Strategy Meetings in mid-September 2011.



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*SLS Acquisition Strategy Fulfills Legislative and Executive Branch Direction and Law*

## ◆ **Affordability**

- Flat annual budget profile
- Existing contracts and assets used for initial capability
  - Significant hardware investments maximized
  - Significant portions of the supply chain in place
  - Work can begin earlier, engaging the U.S. aerospace workforce
  - Less design, development, test, and evaluation (DDT&E) risk and costs
  - Contract types to move to more objective incentive structures

## ◆ **Performance Margin**

- Initial near-term capability of 70 t, evolvable to 130 t
- Modular flexible architecture that may be configured for mission needs
- Significant National capability

## ◆ **Evolvable**

- Competitions for technology infusions and vehicle upgrades for future capability

*SLS Will Be Safe, Affordable, and Sustainable*

## ◆ Boosters

- 5-segment Solid Rocket Booster in-scope modification to existing Ares contract with ATK for initial flights through 2021
- Advanced Boosters
  - Engineering demonstration and risk reduction via NRA: Full and Open Competition later this year
  - DDT&E: Full and Open Competition

## ◆ Stages

- Core/Upper Stage: Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC) to Boeing, modifying current Ares Upper Stage contract
- Avionics
  - Instrument Unit Avionics: In-scope modification to existing Ares contract with Boeing; to be consolidated with Stages contract to Boeing

## ◆ Engines

- Core Stage Engine: RS-25 JOFOC to existing Space Shuttle contract with Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR)
- Upper Stage Engine: J-2X in-scope modification to existing Ares contract with PWR

## ◆ Spacecraft and Payload adapter and Fairing

- Full and Open Competition to begin in FY13

## ◆ Advanced Development

- Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)/NASA Research Announcement (NRA): Full and Open Competition
- Future Core Stage Engine: Separate contract activity to be held in the future



*Delivers Near-Term Initial Capabilities and Spurs Competition for Evolved Capabilities*



- ◆ **The NASA MSFC Small Business Specialist is performing a NASA Policy Directive 5000.2C uniform methodology assessment for the appropriate SLS requirements:**
  - Stages
  - Engines
  - Advanced Booster
  
- ◆ **Subcontracting plan goals for existing contracts will be updated via negotiations.**
  
- ◆ **For incentive fee contracts, an incentive fee applicable to a small business utilization performance-type of measurement will be explored.**
  - Mentor/Protégé Program will be included
  
- ◆ **SLS will provide topics to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program.**
  - Link to the NASA SBIR website will be listed on all solicitations
    - <http://sbir.gsfc.nasa.gov/SBIR/SBIR.html>

*Targeting Robust Small Business Partnerships Through Various Channels*

# SLS Acquisition Summary



- ◆ **The SLS acquisition strategy is consistent with Legislative and Executive branch direction.**
- ◆ **The acquisition strategy meets key SLS requirements of *safety, affordability, and evolvable performance*.**
- ◆ **SLS will continue to work closely with NASA's Office of Small Business Programs to maximize opportunities for all parts of the Agency's socio-economic programs.**
- ◆ **Competitive actions will have specific and detailed Industry Days in the future.**
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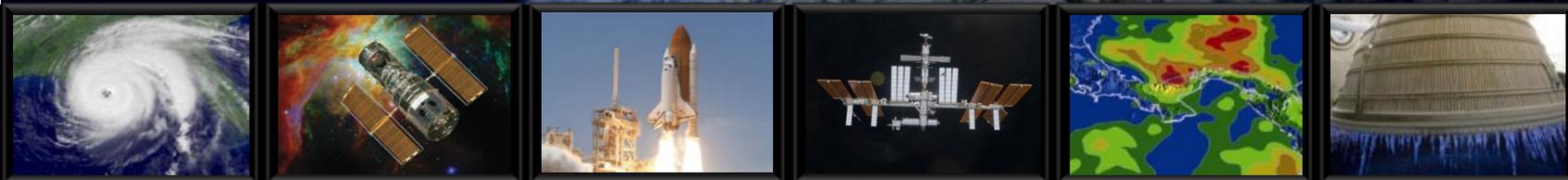


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# Boosters Element Overview



## ◆ Acquisition approach directly supports U.S. human space exploration

- Based on extensive engineering and business analyses and planning, leading to the optimum solution for NASA's requirements for safety, affordability, and sustainability
- Delivers an initial 70 t lift capability in 2017, using the existing Ares contract for the 5-Segment Solid Rocket Booster (SRBV) for the first two flights, while spurring competition for advanced boosters for evolved capability

## ◆ Boosters are a major Space Launch System element, providing high thrust for liftoff

- 70 t lift capacity = two SRBVs, three Core Stage Engines (RS-25)
- 130 t lift capacity = two Advanced Boosters, five Core Stage Engines, three J-2X Upper Stage Engines

## ◆ Advanced Boosters for evolved capability will be:

- The largest and highest performing booster system ever produced
- Determined by a competitive procurement, which will establish the best configuration for a safe, affordable, and reliable U.S. Space Launch System



*Delivering a National Capability in the Shortest Amount of Time, While Leveraging Research and Development Investments for the Most Affordable Solution*

# Three-Phase Booster Development Approach



## 1. Booster Fly Out for early flights through 2021

- Scope: Build 2 SRBV Flight Sets
- Date: In progress
- Capability: Initial 70–100 t
- Contract: Modification to existing Ares contract with ATK



## 2. Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration & Risk Reduction

- Scope: Award contracts
- Date: RFP targeted for Winter 2011; award targeted for Fall 2012
- Capability: Leading to 130 t
- Contract: NASA Research Announcement (NRA): Demonstrating Specific Technologies and Affordability Risk Reduction for Advanced Boosters
  - Liquid Rocket Boosters or Solid Rocket Boosters

## 3. Advanced Booster Design, Development, Test, and Evaluation (DDT&E)

- Scope: Follow-on procurement for DDT&E of a new booster
- Date: RFP target is FY15
- Capability: Evolved at 130 t
- Contract: Full and Open Competition (Liquids or Solids)



*Starting Where We Are and Competing the Future*

# Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and Risk Reduction: Target Areas



- ◆ Acquisition will identify and mitigate risk at the Element and System Levels
- ◆ Target area risk reduction focusing on
  - Affordability
  - Performance
  - Reliability
- ◆ NASA has identified POTENTIAL target areas for risk mitigation:

Liquid Rocket Boosters	Solid Rocket Boosters
• Large Component Fabrication (Nozzle and Turbopump)	• Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) of Composite Structures
• Oxygen-Rich Technologies	• Composite Case Structural Test
• Rocket Propellant (RP) Combustion Performance and Stability	• Propellant Formulations (HTPB, HTPE, NEPE)
Interface Attach Point Methods to SLS Core Stage	

- ◆ Competition via NASA Research Announcement (NRA)
- ◆ Target areas will evolve and expand based on knowledge obtained through specific industry day briefings, draft NRA, etc.
- ◆ Offerors may propose other risk areas not identified in NRA.

*NASA Will Hold a Separate Industry Day for NASA Research Announcements*



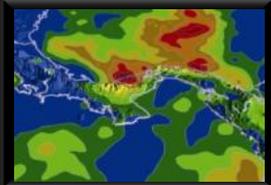
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# Stages Element Overview



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- Includes Instrument Unit Avionics, modifying existing Ares contract with Boeing
- Consolidates Stages and Instrument Unit Avionics contract



## ◆ Common Core Stage and Upper Stage supports affordability and sustainability.

- Maximizes existing workforce, infrastructure, and contracts
- Leverages efficiencies in design, development, tooling, and processes
- Drives production toward common element responsibility and contractor

## ◆ Stages Element will integrate Core Stage and Upper Stage Engines to deliver a complete stage ready for launch processing at the Kennedy Space Center.

*Core Stage Is on the Program's Critical Path to First Flight in 2017*

# Stages Element Requirements



## ◆ Core Stage

- Accommodates LOX/ LH<sub>2</sub> cryogenic tanks to provide propellant to three to five Core Stage Engines (RS-25)
- Accommodates three to five RS-25 engines
- Delivers a 70 t initial lift capability, with three Core Stage Engines

## ◆ Upper Stage

- Accommodates LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> cryogenic tanks to provide propellant to J-2X engines
- Accommodates one to three J-2X Upper Stage Engines
- Delivers a 130 t evolved lift capability, with three Core Stage Engines (RS-25)

## ◆ Avionics Suite

- Provides all system-level command and control functions for the launch vehicle
- Provides all data distribution and communications
- Provides power to the Core Stage and Upper Stage

## ◆ Mission support for applicable phases

- Stages sustaining engineering support
- Stages launch support
- Stages launch processing support at the launch site

## ◆ Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) will be utilized

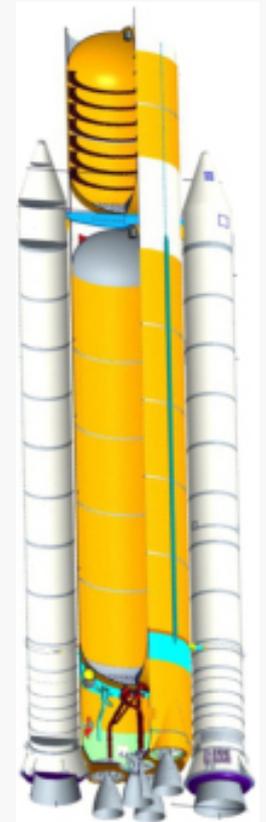


*Acquisition Strategy Is a Single Prime Contractor to Design, Develop, Manufacture, and Deliver SLS Stages*

# Core Stage Description



- ◆ **Flexible design can be configured for the mission**
  - 27.5-ft-diameter (8.4m) tank provides propellant for three to five RS-25 engines, depending on mission needs
  - Will be designed once for all mission types
- ◆ **Key interfaces**
  - Boosters attach near the top of the booster
  - Payload mounts to the top of the Core Stage for initial capability launches
  - Upper Stage mounts above the Core Stage for heavy-lift missions and large-sized payloads
- ◆ **Includes the Main Propulsion System (MPS)**



**Core Stage**

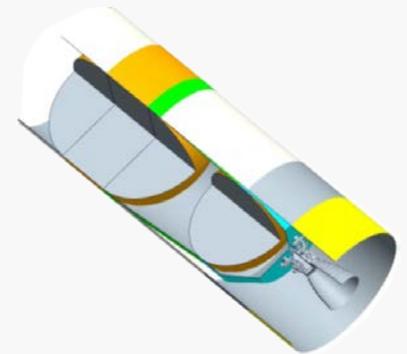
*Backbone of the Space Launch System*

# Upper Stage Description



## ◆ Upper Stage required for missions with heavier lift requirements

- 27.5-ft-diameter (8.4m) cryogenic stage of the same diameter as the Core Stage
- Houses one to three J-2X Upper Stage Engines, depending on mission needs
- Activated during flight after the Core Stage and Boosters are depleted and expended



**Upper Stage**

*Evolved Capability for Heavier Lift Payload Requirements*



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- Delivers an initial 70 t lift capability in 2017, using the existing Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME, RS-25) contract with Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR) for the Core Stage Engine, while modifying the existing Ares contract with PWR for the J-2X Upper Stage Engine for evolved 130 t capability

## ◆ Delivering Core Stage Engine and initial flight sets, as well as the Upper Stage Engine

- Core Stage Engine: 15 available Space Shuttle Main Engines (RS-25)
- Upper Stage Engine: J-2X leverages development and certification effort in process

## ◆ Approach

- Perform engine assembly and acceptance testing at Stennis Space Center (SSC)
- Integrate with Core Stage and Upper Stage at Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF)
- Integrate existing engine interfaces to stage designs
- Resolution of existing design to SLS requirements: safe, affordable, and sustainable



*Supports U.S. Aerospace State of the Art in LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> Engine Experience, Technologies, and Infrastructure*

# RS-25 Engine



- ◆ **High Performance System**

- 492k-lb nominal thrust
- 453-sec specific impulse (Isp)

- ◆ **Operational Capability**

- ~ 67 to 109% throttle range

- ◆ **Mature design, manufacturing and operational knowledge base**

- >1,200,000 seconds hot-fire time
- Catastrophic failure risk = 1 in 1,956 starts

- ◆ **Human rated**

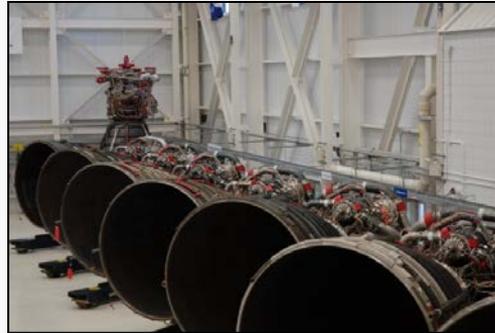
- ◆ **Significant U.S. investment in SSME capabilities**

- ◆ **Available Assets**

- 15 Flight Engines
- 2 Development Engines
- Additional spare Line Replaceable Units (LRU)

- ◆ **Adaptations**

- New Controller – Use J-2X Controller
- Evaluate component spares and possible limited refurbishment
- Acceptance testing under SLS launch conditions



# J-2X Engine



- ◆ **Vacuum Thrust**
  - Nominal = 294k
  - *Open-loop control*
- ◆ **Mixture Ratio**
  - Nominal = 5.5
  - *Open-loop control*
- ◆ **Secondary Mode Operation**
  - Thrust = ~82%
  - Mixture Ratio = 4.5
- ◆ **Health & Status Monitoring**
  - Data Collection for Post-Flight Analysis
  - Engine Failure Notification



**Operational Life = 4 starts and  
1,750 sec (post-delivery)**

- ◆ **Minimum Vacuum  
Isp = 448 sec**
- ◆ **Weight & Size**
  - 5535 lbm (NTE)
  - 120" D X 185" L
- ◆ **Altitude Start & Orbital  
Re-Start**
  - Start at > 100,000 ft.
  - Second start after 2-hr  
to 5-day on-orbit loiter



***J-2X Engine Development Is Past the  
Critical Design Review and Hardware Is in Testing***



# Space Launch System (SLS) Program Spacecraft and Payload Integration Office Overview

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- Is based on extensive engineering and business analyses and planning, leading to the optimum solution for NASA's requirements for safety, affordability, and sustainability
- Full and Open Competition to Begin in FY13 for spacecraft adapter

## ◆ Manages all aspects of Spacecraft and Payload integration with the launch vehicle

- Solicits and pursues planned and potential SLS customers
  - Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV)
  - Scientific missions
  - Propulsive requirements
  - Cargo payloads
- Defines and verifies customer requirements and interfaces
- Develops or modifies hardware to accommodate payloads
- Qualifies and certifies flight readiness of all flight hardware
- Manufactures all hardware required for the SLS vehicle to accommodate spacecraft and payloads
- Performs operational planning and hardware mission management for specific missions



*Responsible for Accommodating all SLS Payloads*

# Spacecraft & Payload Integration Development Approach



- ◆ **In-house requirements up to the transition point will be fulfilled by a combination of civil servant and support contractor resources**
  - Support contractors will be utilized through existing Center contracting mechanisms.
- ◆ **Requirements definition will occur during in-house phase sufficient to allow for development of procurement packages for outsourced requirements**
  - The scheduled need date for the item(s) will dictate when a procurement is initiated.
  - The size and complexity of requirements will dictate the lead-time for procurement.
- ◆ **Spacecraft and Payload Adapters**
  - MSFC in-house design for MPCV adapter through Preliminary Design Review
  - Make/Buy decision for critical design and development will dictate scope of future competition
- ◆ **Payload Fairing**
  - Competitive acquisition cycles to be announced in the future in time to support first need
  - Anticipated phased approach with maximum competition



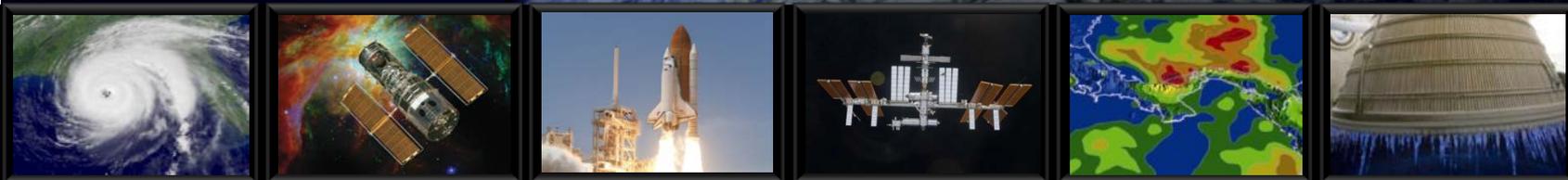
*Developing Payload Interfaces and Modular Protective Shrouds Configurable for Science Instruments, Equipment, and Cargo*



# Space Launch System (SLS) Program Advanced Development Overview SLS Industry Day Marshall Small Business Alliance



Space Launch System



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# Advanced Development Overview



- ◆ **Flexibility to achieve initial operating capability (70 t) quickly (2017)**
- ◆ **Ability to develop evolutionary designs and block configuration upgrades to improve affordability, increase safety and reliability, and increase performance (130 t)**
- ◆ **Engaging both industry and academia in the following Technology Areas (including, but not limited to):**
  - Block upgrades or concept development
  - Advanced development in propulsion
  - Advanced development in manufacturing/structures/materials
  - Advanced development in avionics/software



**INITIAL  
CAPABILITY**



**EVOLVED  
CAPABILITY**

*Further Details Will Be Available by the End of 2011  
at an SLS Advanced Development Industry Day*

# Advanced Development Schedule



Activity	Date
Overall SLS Industry Day	<i>September 29, 2011</i>
Advanced Development Industry Day	<i>NLT December 2011</i>
Anticipated Contract Award	<i>NLT August 2012</i>



- ◆ **Anticipate multiple Firm-Fixed Price (FFP) Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements**
- ◆ **Anticipated Period of Performance: 1-year base, with potential for options**

*Seeking the Most Affordable, Innovative Solutions for the Challenges of Exploration Beyond Earth Orbit*

# Advanced Booster Engineering Demonstration and Risk Reduction: Target Areas



- ◆ Acquisition will identify and mitigate risk at the Element and System Levels
- ◆ Target area risk reduction focusing on:
  - Affordability
  - Performance
  - Reliability
- ◆ NASA has identified POTENTIAL target areas for risk mitigation:

Liquid Rocket Boosters	Solid Rocket Boosters
• Large Component Fabrication (Nozzle and Turbopump)	• Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) of Composite Structures
• Oxygen-Rich Technologies	• Composite Case Structural Test
• Rocket Propellant (RP) Combustion Performance and Stability	• Propellant Formulations (HTPB, HTPE, NEPE)
Interface Attach Point Methods to SLS Core Stage	

- ◆ Competition via NASA Research Announcement (NRA)
- ◆ Target areas will evolve and expand based on knowledge obtained through specific industry day briefings, draft NRA, etc.
- ◆ Offerors may propose other risk areas not identified in NRA.

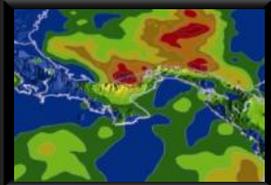
*NASA Will Hold a Separate Industry Day for NASA Research Announcements*



# Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) Update SLS Industry Day *Marshall Small Business Alliance*



Space Launch System



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# Michoud Assembly Facility Supports SLS



## ◆ MAF Background

- Unique manufacturing capabilities perfectly suited for SLS manufacturing
  - Delivered large-scale structures for NASA's Apollo and Shuttle Programs
  - Manufacturing the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle's primary structure
- Site comprises 832 acres with over 2M square feet of manufacturing space (43 acres under one roof) and 900k square feet of office space
- Conveniently located and accessible
  - Deep-water port, Gulf of Mexico waterway, multiple Mississippi River ports
  - Less than 5 miles from intermodal rail stations and Class-One rails
  - Less than 1 mile from interstate highway
  - Lakefront Airport that accommodates dual-wheel cargo craft



## ◆ Significant State of Louisiana investment in manufacturing capability

## ◆ MAF Transformation

- Over the last 24 months, updated from single project to multi-project facility to support NASA projects/programs and new commercial tenants
- Reduced operating costs to NASA with:
  - Implementation of shared services and broader tenant base
  - Commercial and non-NASA Government access to available excess capacity



*One-of-a-Kind Infrastructure Asset*

# Innovative New Business Model



## ◆ Multiple NASA Programs

- Space Shuttle External Tank (retired)
- Ares Upper Stage (transitioned)
- Orion MPCV

## ◆ Commercial and Gov't. Tenants

- Lockheed Martin
- Blade Dynamics
- B-K Manufacturing
- Long Branch Production Company
- BP
- DNV
- USDA
- U.S. Coast Guard

## ◆ Contractual Mechanisms

- Space Act Agreement
- Enhanced Use Leasing

## ◆ Turn-Key Manufacturing

- Infrastructure
- Laboratories
- Equipment
- Support

## ◆ Focus on Growth

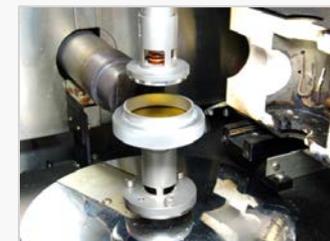
- Pricing Model
- Marketing for New Tenants
- Facility Improvements

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# MAF Is Ready to Support America's New Heavy-Lift Launch Vehicle



- ◆ **MAF team is working with the SLS Stages Element**
  - Manufacturing Core Stage and Upper Stage
  - Manufacturing Instrument Ring
  - Integrating engines with Core and Upper Stages
  
- ◆ **Commercialization strategy of leasing available excess capacity will continue**
  
- ◆ **Suppliers and subcontractors to SLS elements located at MAF have the opportunity to collocate with their prime contractor customer**
  - Utilize the same world-class infrastructure, equipment, and services
  - Significantly reduce logistics cost and delivery time by sharing common space
  - Potentially qualify for State of Louisiana economic development incentives



*Targeting Small Business Industry Day at MAF in Early November*

**For More Information**



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