

**Tracking Number 2010-03-20 (TIC-02)**  
**Implementation of New Space Technology Programs**

**NAC Recommendation:**

The Council recommends that NASA allow the Office of the Chief Technologist (OCT) to begin program implementation activities for the new Space Technology programs. This should include the OCT requesting a budget anomaly to the forthcoming "Continuing Resolution," allowing the OCT to begin initial program implementation activities including the issuance of Broad Area Announcements (BAAs) for the new Space Technology programs.

**NASA Response:**

NASA concurs with the recommendation and puts forth several proposals for anomalies to Congress for their consideration. One of these proposed anomalies was the following:

*"NASA is authorized to proceed with release of external solicitations for funding proposals for FY 2011 activities of the new Space Technology program, provided that selection decisions and funding allocations do not occur until such time as FY 2011 funds are available for such activities."*

It was the desire of Congress to keep the first Continuing Resolution clean of anomalies. In December, the House passed a Full Year Continuing Resolution which contained several anomalies for NASA, but that legislation did not have the votes to pass the Senate. Congress subsequently passed, and the President signed, a Continuing Resolution (P.L. 111-322) which contained limited anomalies. While NASA did not receive a Continuing Resolution anomaly for the Space Technology program, NASA concluded that it has sufficient authority to proceed with the Space Technology Research Fellowships solicitation, released on December 29, 2010. OCT is working with the NASA Administrator and other stakeholders on releasing additional pending Space Technology solicitations.