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Sharing NASA's "Know-How" with Commercial Developers

NASA Advisory Council Recommendation:

The NAC recommends that the impressive NASA capabilities and background available at the Human Spaceflight Centers be offered to the bidders of the commercial crew vehicle. A mechanism can be set up to share this know-how in the most efficient and useful way, to expedite development and safe operation of commercial spacecraft.

NASA Response:

NASA concurs. In accordance with existing statutes and an Agency-level policy, NASA makes available to industry its technologies and resources, including skills, knowledge, lessons learned, facilities, property, and equipment. Each NASA Field Center has established a process to enable commercial partners (CPs) to request and obtain NASA's available assets. These processes were advertised to potential CPs in the announcement/solicitation for Commercial Crew Development Round 2. NASA will ensure that these processes are communicated to industry in future announcements/solicitations.