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Extending Human Presence into the Solar System

NAS



JOURNEY TO MARS



All elements needed for a human Mars mission are in development now.



EARTH RELIANT NOW - MID-2020s

International Space Station operation through commercial development of low-Earth orbit Development of deep space systems life support and human health

PROVING GROUND 2018-2030

Regular crewed missions and spacewalks in cislunar space Verify deep space habitation and conduct a yearlong mission to validate readiness for Mars Demonst rate integrated human and robotic operations by redirecting and sampling an asteroid boulder

EARTH INDEPENDENT NOW – 2030s and beyond

Science missions pave the way to Mars Demonstrate entry, descent, and landing and in-situ resource use Conduct robotic roundtrip demonstration with sample return in the late 2020s Send humans to orbit Mars in the early 2030s

Human Space Exploration Phases From ISS to the Surface of Mars





NASA

HEOMD-Level Progress & Current Activity

- Baselined Exploration Objectives document for Phases 0-1-2
- On-going Directorate executive level dialog on becoming an "ambidextrous organization" – one that can simultaneously exploit and explore
- Working to collaborate across Mission Directorates to achieve agency goals
- New Director, SLPSRA Division Dr. Craig Kundrot
- Operating under FY17 CR
- Preparing for transition to new Administration & Congress; building consensus on the phases of progression of human exploration from ISS to the surface of Mars



Exploration Objectives Baselined for Phase 0/1/2





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HUMAN EXPLORATION AND OPERATIONS **EXPLORATION OBJECTIVES**

Publicly available: Release to Public Websites Requires Approval of Chief, Office of Primary Responsibility

Phase 0: Exploration Systems Testing on ISS and in LFO

Leverage the ISS as a test bed to demonstrate key exploration capabilities and operations, and foster an emerging commercial space industry in LEO.

Phase 1: Cislunar Demonstration of **Exploration Systems**

Demonstration of the integrated SLS and Orion; culminates in the Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission (ARCM) in the mid-2020s.

Phase 2: Cislunar Validation of Exploration **Systems**

Validation of integrated SLS, Orion, habitation, crew, and in-space transportation systems in cislunar space; culminates in the capstone a one- to three- year crewed "shakedown cruise" of a Mars transit habitation capability in the 2030 timeframe.

HEO Exploration Planning (cont'd)



- The next step is to allocate Phase Objectives to flight objectives for EM-2 through 8; this work will be conducted in 2017-20
- Progress to date:
 - EM-1 well-defined: first test of integrated of integrated SLS/Orion stack; DRO around the moon; deploy 13 Cubesats (selected)
 - EM-2: first flight of SLS/Orion with crew. Working toward EUS (not in FY17 PBR, but in FY16 Appropriations and FY17 Approps bills); flight profile under study.
 - Working toward 1 flight/yr cadence after EM-2; start of this cadence depends on FY17 appropriations
 - Initial cislunar habitation capability in early 2020s, depending on outcome of NextSTEP activity and international planning
 - Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission in ~2026
 - Build up of cislunar habitation/logistics capability in mid/late 2020s leading to oneyear shakedown cruise in 2029
- NASA is studying options for implementing this framework; budget uncertainties and evolving partnership landscape mean it is too early to baseline a full manifest of missions thru 2030.
- In parallel, HEO, SMD, and STMD are collaborating on technology developments, precursors, and trade studies for Mars missions

Exploration Systems Development Progress & Current Activity



- Accomplished "Build-to-Sync" review milestone (Enterpriselevel CDR)
- Worked with ESA to complete the Service Module CDR
- Orion assembly underway
- SLS Exploration Upper Stage PDR underway; RL-10 engine procurement in process
- RS-25 existing engines tested; testing continues with SLS engine controllers; restarting production line for new engines
- 8 of 10 VAB platforms installed
- Umbilical testing underway
- Progressing on GSDO software integration



International Space Station Progress & Current Activity

- International Docking Adapter installed
- Orbital/ATK Antares return to flight successful; planning to use Atlas V for next flight for overall cargo upmass needs
- Working with SpaceX to identify next cargo flight readiness
- HTV-6 on track for December 9
- Crew time availability for research has exceeded goals in recent increments
- Russia temporarily goes to two crew beginning in March 2017
- CASIS recently signed multi-million dollar, multi-year agreements with NIH and NSF to conduct research onboard the ISS







Commercial Crew Program Progress & Current Activity

- Successfully completed 2016 Annual Review at Agency level
- Significant progress on the Phase 2 safety review; ~90% of the hazard reports have been delivered for NASA review
- Awarded two operational missions to the ISS for each partner
- Boeing completed mass reduction effort; Crew Access Tower continues to be outfitted at L-41
- SpaceX completed Delta CDR; Pad 39A nearing completion
- Milestone schedules remain optimistic (SpaceX certification in Feb 2018, Boeing certification in May 2018)







Other Programs Progress & Current Activities

NASA

- SLPS /HRP
- Initial results of one-year mission to be presented in January
- Formulating Open Science investigations using a team of competitively-selected Co-PIs
- SCaN SCaN 34m antenna dedicated at Canberra; two beginning installation at Madrid
 - Preparing TDRS-M for launch in 2017
 - Focusing SGSS effort on software development to achieve FY17 milestones within budget
- LSP LSP preparing for upcoming launches: GOES-R on Atlas V (19 Nov) and CYGNSS on Pegasus (12 Dec)





Commercial Collaborations in Space

TRANSPORTATION

Commercial Resupply 1 Commercial Resupply 2 Commercial Crew Collaborations for Commercial Space Capabilities

ARM Spacecraft Bus RFI

Evolve ISS RFI

Lunar CATALYST

EM-2 Co-manifest RFI

Advancing LEO Economy RFI

Lunar Surface Payload RFI

CASIS

Mars Telecom RFI

NextSTEP BAA NextSTEP-2 BAA FabLab RFI

RESEARCH

EXPLORATION

Habitation Development Approach



Phase 1

- Obtain Innovative Cislunar Habitation Concepts that leverage Commercialization Plans for LEO (NextSTEP Phase 1)
- Develop required deliverables include Concept Desription with concept of operations, Phase 2 proposal and SOW
- Initial discussions with international partner contributions

Phase 2

Continue concept refinement and development of domestic ground prototype module(s) and lead the development of standards and common interfaces (US/International)

• Contractor(NextSTEP Phase 2): Concept description with concept of operations, provide Phase 3 proposal and SOW, delivery of ground prototype module(s)

• NASA: Define reference habitat architecture based on contractor and international concepts and identified GFE in preparation for Phase 3

2015-2016

2016 - 2018

Phase 3

- Determine acquisition approach including domestic and international partnerships
- Development of Deep Space Habitat for Proving Ground Phase 1 Objectives
- Deliverables include Flight Unit(s) (note may be multiple modules integrated via common interfaces and standards)

2018+

Ends with Industry Developed Concepts – Decision on contract(s) continuation Ends with: 1) Industry Developed Ground Prototype Module performing integrated tests, 2) identified standards and common interfaces, and 3) identified what would be provided as GFE from NASA. – Decision point on contract continuation, what focus and NASA provided GFE

Ends with Deployment and Operational Status of Deep Space Habitat

Specific Habitation Systems Objectives





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Habitation Systems **NextSTEP Habitation Overview**



Cislunar habitation concepts that leverage NextSTEP Phase 1: 2015-2016 commercialization plans for LEO









FOUR SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT **CONCEPTS** RECEIVED

Partners develop required deliverables, including concept descriptions with concept of operations, NextSTEP Phase 2 proposals, and statements of work.

NextSTEP Phase 2: 2016-2018

BOEINO



- Partners refine concepts and develop ground prototypes.
- NASA leads standards and common interfaces development.

ONE CONCEPT STUDY



Initial discussions with international partners





Define reference habitat architecture in preparation for Phase 3.

Phase 3: 2018+

- · Partnership and Acquisition approach. leveraging domestic and international capabilities
- · Development of deep space habitation capabilities
- Deliverables: flight unit(s)

Habitation Systems NextSTEP Phase 2 Habitation Capability – Goal



Develop a deep space habitat with fully functional systems for groundbased testing by 2018, while at the same time stimulating commercial habitats in LEO.

- Develop long duration deep space habitation <u>capabilities</u> that lead towards a deep space transit habitat and can be flown on SLS flight(s) (or alternative launch vehicles) starting by the early to Mid 2020s.
- Advance the long duration deep space habitation capability concepts and mature the design and development of the integrated system(s) to achieve a high level of fidelity.
 - Developing prototype deep space habitation capability options to test a full size ground prototype unit(s) by the end of Phase 2 in 2018 to support first flight opportunities in Early to Mid 2020s
- Potential for different capabilities from domestic and international suppliers will require standards and common interfaces for aggregation. NASA led standards working group will be implemented during Phase 2.



Ground Prototype units delivered to NASA for testing and integration of NASA developed habitation systems

- Testing includes form, fit, volumetric, subsystem integration, and interface standards
- May use NASA-developed node/airlock and hab mockups for integration testing with contractor modules
- Ensures consistent test and interface verification approach, allows us to incorporate and test other AES subsystems, facilitates crew training and feedback on human factors, shows stakeholders progress

Habitation Systems NextSTEP Phase 2 Ground Prototype Integration Testing



The habitation prototypes will be used for three primary purposes:

 supporting system integration, human factors and operations, and system functionality

Top level objective of testing is Phase 3 requirement refinement and risk reduction.

- Systems Integration: The prototypes will, at a minimum, serve as an integration platform at the form and fit level:
 - Flight unit mockups of systems (not necessarily functional)
 - $\circ\,$ Standard interfaces for mechanical, power, thermal and data tested
 - o Layout, installation, fit access tested
- Human Factors & Operations: The prototypes will enable mission simulations with humans in the habitation environment:
 - Habitability
 - Mission Operations (Command and Control, Science, Teleops, Robotics, Crew Training, Maintenance and Repair)
 - Health and Medical
 - Logistics and Waste Management Operations
 - EVA operations
 - Contingency/Emergency Scenarios
- System Functionality: Testing may incorporate combinations of crew (human-in-the-loop) mission simulation, analytical modeling, laboratory analysis, computer based simulation, or other testing techniques.

NextSTEP-2 Habitation Common Interfaces and Standards



Activities

- Negotiation inputs to include the participation, evaluation and concurrence interfaces and standards applicability – August 2016
 - Identify Interfaces
 - ➢ NASA proposed
 - International and Commercial Partners inputs
 - NASA Habitation Standards to enable NASA, industry, and International Partners to contribute safe, reliable, and cost-effective interoperable systems and elements
- Develop Habitation Standard Evaluation and Approval Process
- Baseline Habitation Standards to be used for Phase 3 leverage from Commercial Crew and ISS Visiting Vehicle
- Support HEO Common Interface Standards Working Group
 - Common Interface Standards (e.g., Memo for Records, ICDs (e.g., Orion, SLS)) that will be used by industry and international partners (FCT)

ARM Key Contributions to the Journey to Mars



Advanced autonomous proximity operations in deep space and with a natural body

Using high-power solar electric propulsion to transport multi-ton masses in space

Integrated crewed/robotic vehicle operations in deep space

Use astronaut EVA in deep space for sample selection, handling, and containment on just the second extra-terrestrial body in history

ARM Recent Progress and Upcoming Milestones



✓ SRB Face-to-Face at JPL	May 3-5
✓ Asteroid Redirect Robotic Mission (ARRM) Project Implementation Plan Vol 1 ready for signature	May 6
✓ ARRM requirements freeze for Key Decision Point (KDP) -B	May 13
✓ External event: Humans to Mars Summit: ARM update	May 17-19
✓ ARRM MDR-Lite	May 18-19
✓ ARM HQ: Periodic update to House Science Committee staff	May 23
✓ ARM HQ: cleared messages for external pre-announcement	mid-June
✓ Asteroid Redirect Crewed Mission (ARCM)/ARRM interface kickoff safety review	Jun 22-23
✓ External event: New Space Conference Panel – NASA as an Accelerator	Jun 21-23
✓ Kick-off ARCM safety review	Jun 22-23
 ARRM spacecraft contractor study final presentations 	Jun 24
✓ ARRM KDP-B	Jul 15
✓ ARRM strategic partner intent closure	Aug 5
✓ ARM-Umbrella for Partnerships (ARM-UP) Broad Agency Announcement synopses release	e Aug 15
✓ ARM-UP BAA incl partner p/l and ARM Investigation Team release	Sep 6
✓ ARM HQ event: ARM Community Update and Virtual Industry Day	Sep 14
✓ External event: IAC	Sep 26-30
✓ External event: DPS	Oct 16-21
 ARRM capture module architecture study complete 	Jan 2017
 STMD/SEP electric propulsion string Preliminary Design Review 	Mar 2017
 HQ checkpoint prior to ARM IT, ARRM hosted p/I, and ARRM spacecraft bus awards 	Mar 2017
 ARM IT, ARRM hosted p/I, and ARRM spacecraft bus aware selections announcement 	Apr 2017

Two-Step Spacecraft Procurement Process



• <u>Phase 2:</u>

- Down-select to a single provider to build and deliver the robotic spacecraft
 - Request For Proposal (RFP)
 - Proposals due:
 - Expect to award:

released: September 8, 2016 October 24, 2016 March 2017



- Pursuing a sustained program that builds capabilities that feed forward to next steps
- Consistent with budget projections and focused on lowering future production and operating costs
- Making significant real progress (SLS/Orion, ISS discoveries and advances over 15 years, ISS future plans and systems testing, Commercial crew and enabling private sector demand to emerge in Low Earth Orbit)
- Huge technical challenge that will need the best from the private sector, academia, and international partner communities; NASA does not need to fund or develop everything
- Budget environment is challenging (overall uncertainty and short term focus), but we are receiving needed support
- Continue and advance standards development for exploration systems
- Utilize private sector and international partners where appropriate