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# EXPLORE MOONtoMARS

Moon to Mars Update

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Exploration Science Strategy and Integration Office (ESSIO) formulates & executes an *integrated strategy* for exploration science

### Implementation Strategy

- Develop lunar surface science instruments
- Use commercial companies to deliver payloads to the Moon
- Develop mobility systems to expand and enhance science investigations on the surface
- Leverage international partnerships for additional opportunities (e.g., instruments, rovers)
- Obtain new scientific data from lunar orbit using smallsats
- Use new human exploration systems, such as Gateway and human landing systems, to enable science
- Lead the science mission planning for humans on the lunar surface

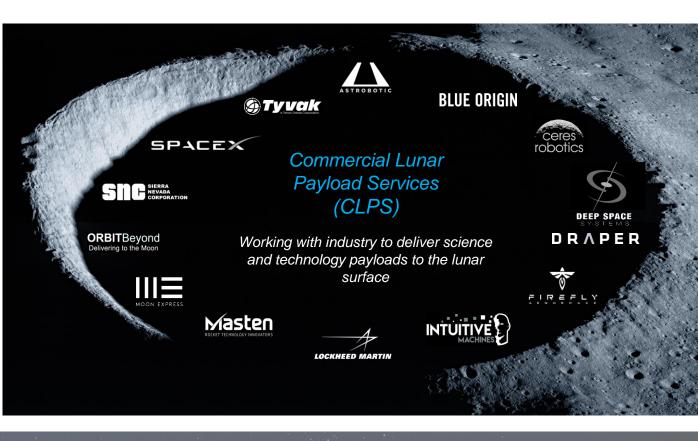






# **Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS)**

- Goal: Utilize commercial end-to-end delivery services to enable access to the lunar surface
- Deliveries initiated using a Task Order
  - Any of the 14 companies on the catalog can respond to a task order
  - Expected Task Order cadence of 2 per year
- Task order lists what NASA wants delivered, and any constraints
  - o E.g., landing site, specific needs of instruments
- First 4 lunar surface delivery task orders awarded with deliveries commencing in 2021
  - 2021: Non-polar delivery (Astrobotic and Intuitive Machines) – TO 2A & 2B
  - 2022: Polar delivery (Masten) TO 19C
  - 2022: PRIME-1 (Intuitive Machines)
  - 2023: Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) to Moon's south polar region (Astrobotic) – TO 20A

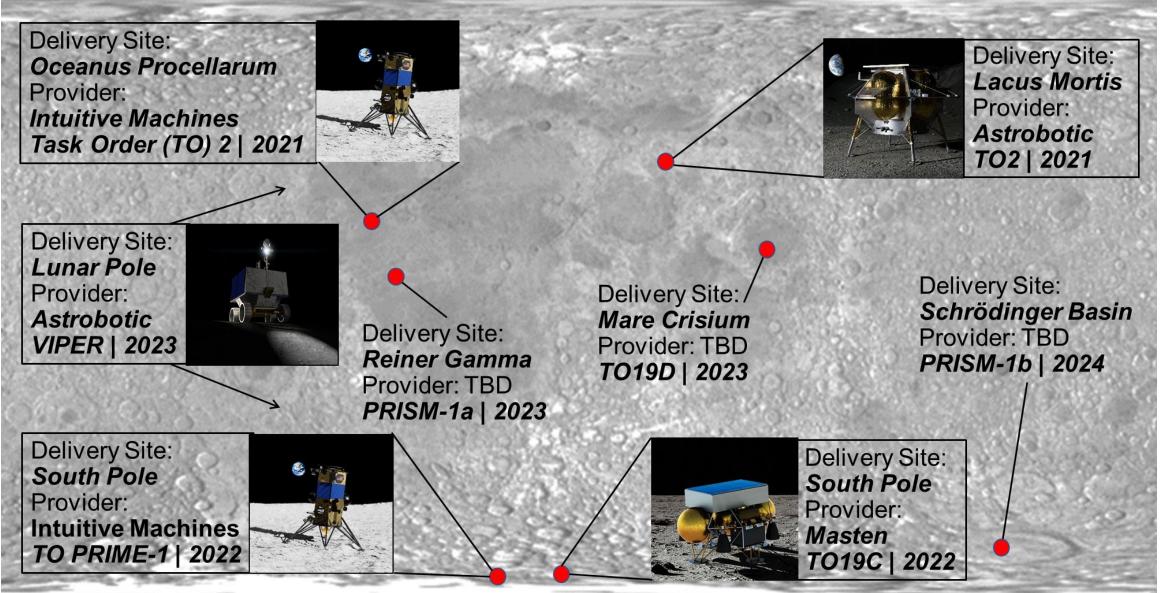


## **CLPS Deliveries & Future Payloads**

Payloads for early CLPS deliveries from NPLP (NASA internal) and LSITP (external) calls, were focused on speed. Now we are working towards a science-driven model via **PRISM (Payloads and Research Investigations for the Surface of the Moon).** 

- PRISM calls occur at a regular cadence
  - o PRISM instruments feed manifests for deliveries from late 2023 onwards
  - First PRISM call requests science investigations utilizing multi-instrument suites to maximize the science for named locations
  - High-value 'location agnostic' instruments may be called for in PRISM-2
- As discussed in community documents, the locations are high science-value targets where significant progress can be made utilizing CLPS platforms; the locations for this call are:
  - 1. Reiner Gamma magnetic anomaly (lunar swirl)
  - 2. Schödinger farside basin impact melt
- Destinations for these two deliveries were announced in July, allowing PIs ample time to propose science optimized for those locations
  - Step 1 proposals received in December, and step 2 proposals due Feb 3
- Although PRISM call focuses on science payloads, other Mission Directorate payloads can be incorporated into Task Orders through the 'CLPS payload ingest process'

### CLPS Deliveries 2021-2024

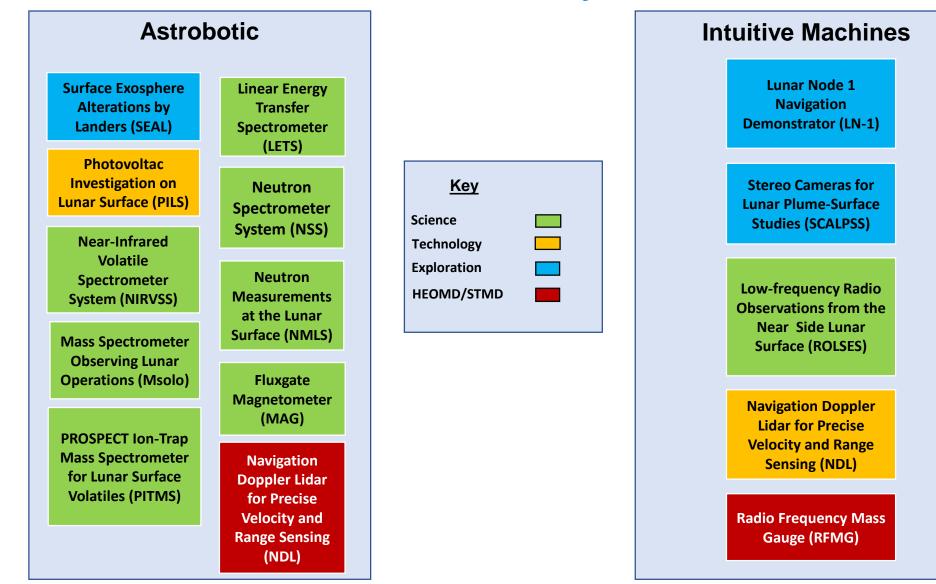


### TO2 – ASTROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY July 2021 Launch

### TO2 – INTUITIVE MACHINES October 2021 Launch



### 2021 CLPS Delivery Manifests



# The Moon Enables Scientific Exploration

#### A CORNERSTONE

For Solar System science and exoplanet studies

#### A NATURAL LABORATORY

To study planetary processes and evolution

#### A TRAINING GROUND

To learn how to conduct scientific exploration from a planetary surface, working synergistically with crew and robotic explorers

#### **AN OPPORTUNITY**

To use infrastructure and resources associated with human exploration to leverage support for autonomous scientific investigations