

The header image is a collage of three panels. The left panel shows a white rocket with "BLUE ORIGIN" written on it, launching into the sky. The middle panel shows a large, white, teardrop-shaped balloon being inflated at night, with lights visible in the background. The right panel shows a woman with blonde hair looking into a laboratory or control room filled with various scientific instruments and equipment.

Flight Opportunities

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Greetings from Flight Opportunities

In this issue:

- Comment period closes this week for NASA's draft Tech Flights solicitation
- ACO, Tipping Point, and SBIR solicitations open for company proposals
- Make plans to attend our panel discussions and sign up for a one-on-one meeting at NSRC

Enjoy!

The Flight Opportunities team

Opportunities

Comment Period Closes This Week for Tech Flights Solicitation Draft

NASA has released a [draft of the Tech Flights 2020 solicitation](#).

The solicitation includes elements that will allow researchers to accompany their payloads on suborbital flights conducted using NASA grant and cooperative agreement funds. NASA is **seeking comments** from the suborbital research community and prospective flight providers on the proposed implementation of this new policy.

Comments due: Friday, Feb. 14, 2020

NASA plans to issue the final solicitation a few weeks after the comment period closes.

Three NASA Solicitations Now Open for Company Proposals

NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) has released three solicitations that may be of interest to companies in the Flight Opportunities community.

Tipping Point

Mandatory Preliminary Proposals Due: March 18, 2020

Final Proposals Due: July 20, 2020

Announcement of Collaboration Opportunity (ACO)

Mandatory Preliminary Proposals Due: March 16, 2020

Final Proposals Due: June 25, 2020

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

Phase I Proposals due: March 20, 2020, at 5 p.m. EDT

Events

Make Plans to Attend Our NSRC Panel Discussions and One-on-One Meetings

There will be multiple opportunities to hear from Flight Opportunities representatives at next month's [Next-Generation Suborbital Researchers Conference](#) and we hope you'll make plans to join us:



Flight Opportunities Session

Monday, March 2

1-2 p.m.

Program Executive Christopher Baker will be taking part in this session with representatives from commercial flight providers.

Flight Opportunities Panel

Leveraging Flight Opportunities to Advance Precision Landing Technologies

Tuesday, March 3

4-5 p.m.

Panel Chair: John M. Carson, NASA's Johnson Space Center

Panelists:

- Behçet Açıkmese, University of Washington
- Jeff Herath, NASA's Langley Research Center
- Andrew Horchler, Astrobotic
- Courtney Mario, Draper

Flight Opportunities Panel

Advancing Technology Through Flights on Commercial Suborbital Vehicles

Wednesday, March 4

8:30-10 a.m.

Panel Chair: John Kelly, NASA's Flight Opportunities program

Panelists:

- Anne Meier, NASA's Kennedy Space Center
- Brock LaMeres, Montana State University
- Lisa Valencia, NASA's Kennedy Space Center
- Andrei Zagrai, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

Be sure to check the NSRC program schedule when you arrive for the latest times as the information above may be subject to change.

Flight Opportunities One-on-One Meetings

Several members of the Flight Opportunities team will be on hand at NSRC to meet with attendees during one-on-one meetings. Please [get in touch to sign up](#), or stop by our booth to make arrangements once you arrive. We look forward to meeting with you.

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