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Blackout Notice for Final Request for Launch Services Proposal Number 44 Entitled *NASA Launch Services (NLS) II Roman Space Telescope (RST) Mission*

The final Request for Launch Services Proposal, RLSP-44, for launch services for the Roman Space Telescope mission is being released under the NLS II Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The solicitation will be sent directly to the NLS II IDIQ contract holders, which currently include Blue Origin, United Launch Services, Orbital Sciences Corporation, and Space Exploration Technologies.

Effective immediately, all NASA personnel will cease communications with industry concerning this acquisition. This blackout period of communication with industry will continue through receipt and evaluation of proposals, award of the contract, and release of the evaluation board from its responsibilities.

NASA personnel shall refer anyone seeking information regarding this acquisition to the designated contracting officer, Logan Herd, at 321-867-0232 or logan.herd@nasa.gov. Improper communication could jeopardize the integrity or successful completion of the RST launch service acquisition. Therefore, compliance with the above will ensure the dissemination of uniform responses to all inquiries and eliminate the possibility of preferential treatment of any prospective offeror. This blackout notice is not intended to terminate all communication with offerors. The designated contracting officer should continue to provide information as long as it does not create an unfair competitive advantage or reveal proprietary data.

NASA personnel who may be responsible for the administration of existing contracts or agreements that may be related to the RST launch service acquisition shall, at all times, be fully aware of the extremely sensitive nature of this acquisition and maintain compliance with the blackout notice. While it is recognized that some NASA personnel have a need to communicate with prospective offerors relative to the conduct of current ongoing contract work, any communication is limited solely to existing contracts or agreements and shall not be expanded into matters relating to the RST launch service acquisition. Under no circumstances shall the RST launch service acquisition be discussed. It is important that all NASA personnel adhere to this notice to ensure that all offerors are treated fairly and impartially.

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