

# EXPLORESPACE TECH



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# **Artemis Phase 1: Path to the Lunar Surface**

Artemis I: First human spacecraft to the Moon in the 21st century Artemis II: First humans to orbit the Moon in the 21st century Artemis Support Mission: First high-power Solar Electric Propulsion (SEP) system Artemis Support Mission: First pressurized module delivered to Gateway

Artemis Support Mission: Human Landing System delivered to Gateway

Artemis III: Crewed mission to Gateway and lunar surface

**Commercial Lunar Payload Services** 

- CLPS-delivered science and technology payloads

#### Early South Pole Mission(s)

- First robotic landing on eventual human lunar return and In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU) site
- First ground truth of polar crater volatiles

Large-Scale Cargo Lander

- Increased capabilities for science and technology payloads Humans on the Moon - 21st Century

First crew leverages infrastructure left behind by previous missions

LUNAR SOUTH POLE TARGET SITE

# **Technology Drives Exploration**

**EXPLORE** LAND LIVE GO Rapid, Safe, and Efficient **Expanded Access to Diverse Sustainable Living and Working Transformative Missions Space Transportation Surface Destinations Farther from Earth** and Discoveries Landing Advanced **Advanced Propulsion** Communication **Heavy Payloads** Gateway **Autonomous Operations** In-space Assembly/Manufacturing **Sustainable Power** In-space Refueling **Dust Mitigation Precision Landing Advanced Commercial Lunar Payload Services Navigation** In-Situ Resource Utilization **Atmospheric** ISRU Cryogenic Fluid Management Surface Excavation and Construction **Extreme Access/Extreme Environments** 

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Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Technologies

Thruster Advancement for Low-temperature Operations in Space



- Reusable transportation between the Earth and Moon
- Reusable transportation between the Earth and Mars
- Rapid and efficient transportation through the solar system



## **Cryogenic Fluid Management**















**Cryogenic Fluid Transfer Technology Demo Con-ops** development with SpaceX



**The Evolvable Cryogenics** (eCryo) project



**ULA H2/O2 Thruster** development



**Lunar CFM Studies** and Cryocooler **Development with Lockheed Martin** 





Blue Origin: "Cryogenic Fluid **Management-Enhanced Integrated Propulsion Testing for Robust Lander** Services"







Paragon Space Development Corp.: Cryogenic **Encapsulating Launch Shroud and Insulated Upper Stage (CELSIUS)** 



# Land

### **Expanded Access to Diverse Surface Destinations**



**Mars EDL** 



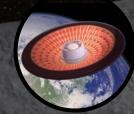
Navigation Doppler LIDAR





Terrain Relative Navigation

- •Routinely landing crew and cargo on the Moon
- Safely and efficiently returning large payloads to Earth
- Delivering robotic payloads to challenging new destinations
- Routinely landing crew and cargo on Mars



Low-Earth Orbit Flight
Test of an Inflatable
Decelerator



**SPLICE** 

# **Exploration Technology in Entry, Descent & Landing**











### Sustainable Living and Working Farther from Earth

**Surface Power** 







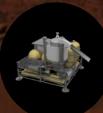




ISRU



Synthetic Biology



- •Routine crewed operations beyond low-Earth orbit
- Sustainable human presence on the Moon
- Producing propellant & consumables from local resources
- Sustainable human presence on Mars



Integrated Systems for Autonomous Adaptive Caretaking

### **Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative (LSII)**

#### In Situ Resource Utilization

Collection, processing, storing and use of material found or manufactured on other astronomical obiects



### Surface Excavation/Construction

Enable affordable, autonomous manufacturing or construction



Mitigate lunar dust hazards

#### Sustainable Power

Enable continuous power throughout lunar day and night



#### **Extreme Environments**

Enable systems to operate through out the full range of lunar surface conditions

#### **Extreme Access**

Access, navigate, and explore surface/subsurface areas

- Spurs the creation of novel technologies needed for lunar surface exploration.
- Accelerates technology readiness of key systems and components.
- Addresses technology development needs for lunar surface operations, including surface payloads.
- Implements development through a combination of unique in-house activities, competitive programs, and public-private partnerships.

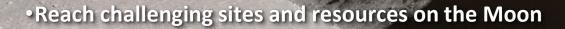




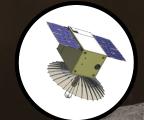
**Laser and Optical Communications** 

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Transformative Missions and Discoveries



- Survive and operate through the lunar night
- Reach challenging sites and resources on Mars and beyond



**Small Spacecraft** Demos

SPIDER





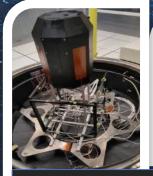
**Bulk** Metallic **Glass Gears** 



**Surface Robotic Scouts** 

Clock

# Exploration Technology for On-orbit Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing





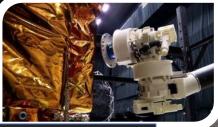
Made In Space validated additive manufacturing and robotic assembly with a future mission, Archinaut

Maxar SPIDER Robotic System successful ground demonstration for future mission







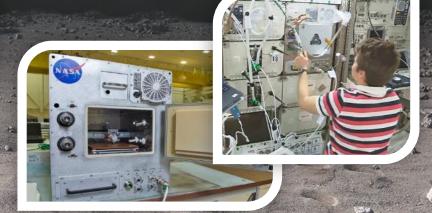


Robotic Satellite Servicing: Restore-L approaching CDR





FabLab: Development of a firstgeneration, in-space, multi-material fabrication laboratory for space missions



Refabricator is the first integrated 3D printer and recycler in space and currently aboard ISS

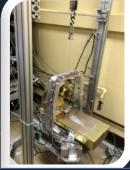
# Exploration Technology in Deep Space Communications and Navigation



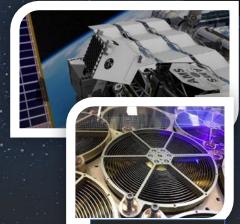
Testing of the Atomic Clock, GPS
Receiver, and Ultra-Stable Oscillator
which make up the Deep Space Atomic
Clock Payload

**Credits: General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems** 





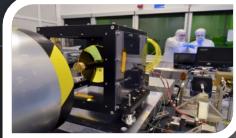
Deep Space Optical Communications project hardware being tested.



Station Explorer for X-ray Timing and Navigation Technology (SEXTANT)

Laser
Communications
Relay
Demonstration
(LCRD) Project
team integrating
and testing flight

hardware









Optical
Communications
and Sensor
Demonstration
(OCSD) spacecraft





### **Lunar and Mars Exploration FY 2019 Major Accomplishments**

### **Launches and In-Space Demonstrations**

- MarCO spacecraft used ISARA relay technology during the Mars InSight landing in November
- Refabricator launched to ISS in November
- CubeSat Handling of Multisystem Precision Time Transfer (CHOMPTT) launched in December
- RRM3 launched to ISS in December
- Astrobee Honey Bee and Bumble Bee launched to ISS in April, Queen Bee in July
- BioNutrients experiment launched to ISS in April
- ISARA to OCSD crosslink demonstration in April
- DSAC launched on STP-2 in June
- GPIM launched on STP-2 in June
- OCSD demonstration concluded at the end of FY 2019
- Over 30 technology payloads on commercial suborbital flight tests

### **Deliveries**

- TRN delivered to Mars2020 in November
- MOXIE delivered to Mars2020 in March
- **MEDLI2** 1<sup>st</sup> delivery to Mars2020 in May
- EESP hardware delivered to DART in September

### Lunar and Mars Exploration FY 2019 Major Accomplishments

### **Major Project Milestones**

- Advanced 3 TDM flight projects into Implementation Phase:
  - **LOFTID** KDP-C completed in June
  - **DSOC** KDP-C completed in June
  - **SEP** KDP-C completed in June
- Advancing 5 GCD projects into Implementation Phase:
  - Distributed Spacecraft Autonomy PDR in May
  - 2 FabLab BAA PDRs for ground demonstration by end of August
  - Blue Origin Deorbit Descent & Landing PDR in July
- Lunar Ice Drill (PRIME) drill tests completed in August
- Autonomous Medical Operations demonstration with US Army ISR in October
- RAMPT Composite Overwrap Hot Fire Test in March
- PUFFER ground demonstration completed in June
- SPLICE Navigation Doppler Lidar rocket sled test completed in June
- Blue Origin BE-7 lunar lander engine test in June
- **EESP** solar array demonstration in August
- 2 SCOR CDRs by end of FY 2019
- **TALOS** hot fire tests by end of FY 2019
- Key life cycle milestones for several small spacecraft missions, including ACS3, CLICK, Starling, Lunar Flashlight, Pathfinder Technology Demonstrator (PTD) - 1 (HYDROS), PTD - 2 (HyperXACT) and PTD - 3 (TBIRD).

### **Lunar and Mars Exploration FY 2019 Major Accomplishments**

### **New Starts/Awards**

- Initiated 10 ISRU BAA studies and demos
- TALOS and Frontier Deep Space Engine were baselined on Astrobotic Lunar Lander thrusters
- NASA internal CLPS payloads announced in February, including SPLICE Navigation
   Doppler Lidar
- 2 new Space Tech Research Institutes (STRIs) to advance SmartHabs awarded in April
- 11 new NextStep Appendix E awards for prototype efforts and refueling human lunar lander studies in May
- CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion Challenge made \$250k in awards in May
- **3D Printed Habitat Challenge** made \$700k in awards in May
- Lunar Ice Drill competition in June
- Initiated Made In Space Archinaut demo mission in July
- Initiated Maxar SPIDER demo to incorporate onto the Restore-L bus in June
- 2 new NIAC Phase III awards in June, including enabling lunar pit exploration
- 7 new Early Career Initiative (ECI) awards in July, including enabling surviving the lunar night and lunar ISRU
- 13 companies awarded 19 ACO partnerships in July
- Initiated Applied Physics Lab LSII System Integration task in August
- Initiated LSII Technology Scouting task for dust mitigation capabilities in August
- 25 Flight Opportunities Technology Flights selections made October 2019
- 14 Tipping Point selections were made September 2019

### **Tipping Point Technologies**

### Tipping Point:

- Increased focus on **collaboration** with the commercial space sector
- Fixed price contracts with milestone payments
- Requires a minimum 25 percent contribution (10% for small businesses) from corporation or customer
- Leverage emerging marks and capabilities to meet NASA's strategic goals AND focus on industry needs
- Increase likelihood of infusion into a commercial space application
- Substantial benefit to both commercial and government sectors
- Tipping Point Awards:
  - 2016 9 Awards
  - 2017 6 Awards
  - 2018 6 Awards
  - 2019 14 Awards
- Next Opportunity Utilizing Public-Private Partnerships to Advance Tipping Point Technologies released January 2020 (target)
- Space Tech Solicitations: <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xQRwV">https://go.usa.gov/xQRwV</a>

NASA anticipates releasing Tipping Point with targeted topics every year

# **FY 2019 Tipping Point Technologies**

Awardee	Title	
Accion Systems	Increasing Commercial & Interplanetary Cubesat Accessibility with Lower SWaP Ion Electrospray Prop	
Astrobotic Technology	CubeRover for Affordable, Modular, and Scalable Planetary Expl.	
Blue Canyon Technologies	BCT X-NAV Autonomy Suite	
Blue Origin	ISRU Propellant Liquefaction Plant Prototype	
CU Aerospace	Dual Propulsion Experiment (DUPLEX) CubeSat	
Intuitive Machines	Open Architecture Vision Processing for Space Nav	
Exoterra Resource	Courier Solar Electric Propulsion Module	
Infinity Fuel Cell and Hydrogen	Advanced Modular Power and Energy Systems	
Luna Innovations	Embedded Structural Health Sensors for Inflatable Space Habitats	
Oxeon Energy	Integrating Thermal Processing of Lunar Ice & Solid Oxide Electrolysis for Liquid H2 and O2 Production	
Paragon Space Development Corp.	Shape Memory Alloys for Regulating TCS in Space	
Skyre	Lunar Propellant Production Plant	
SpaceX	Standardized Fluid Coupling Development for In-Space Cryogenic Propellant Transfer	
TallannQuest	Flexible Radiation-Hardened Switching Power Controller	.7

## **Announcement of Collaborative Opportunity (ACO)**

### Announcement of Collaborative Opportunity (ACO):

- Focus on industry-developed space technologies that can advance the commercial space sector and benefit future NASA missions
- NASA provides technical expertise and test facilities, as well as hardware and software to aid industry partners in maturing technologies
- Non-Reimbursable Space Act Agreements (no funds exchanged)

#### ACO Awards:

- 2015- 13 awards
- 2017- 10 awards
- 2019- 19 awards

#### ACO2020:

- Release date: January 2020 (target)
- 10+ awards are anticipated
- Space Tech Solicitations: <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xQRwV">https://go.usa.gov/xQRwV</a>

# FY2019 Announcement of Collaborative Opportunities (p 1 of 2)

Awardee	Title	Center
Advanced Space	Advancing Lunar Navigation Technologies to Enable Exploration and Commercial Development	GSFC
Aerogel Technologies	Mechanically Strong Polyimide Aerogels as Multifunctional Acoustic Insulation for Aerospace Applications	GRC
Aerojet Rocketdyne	Extensible Robotic Deposition Technology for Propulsion Systems	MSFC
Anasphere	Ground Testing of HIAD Hydrogen Gas Generator	MSFC
Bally Ribbon Mills	ADEPT/Spider Weave Thermal Testing	ARC
Blue Origin	Precision Safe Lunar Landing System Development	GSFC, JSC
Blue Origin	Primary Fuel Cell Power System for Lunar Landers	GRC, JSC
Blue Origin	Lunar Lander Advanced Nozzle Collaboration	LaRC, MSFC
Colorado Electronics	Qualification and Integration Tests of the Colorado Power Electronics Prototype Development Unit Power Processing Unit with NASA and Commercial Hall Thrusters	GRC
Lockheed Martin	Advanced Lightweight Powder Metallurgy for Hot Structures	LaRC

# FY2019 Announcement of Collaborative Opportunities (p 2 of 2)

Awardee	Title	Center
Lockheed Martin	Integration of Autonomous Robotics for Plant-Based Systems in Deep Space	KSC
Maxar/Space Systems Loral	Advanced Packaging Methods for Next-Generation Reflectors	LaRC
Maxar/Space Systems Loral	Advancing Qualification Protocols of Ultra- lightweight 5-junction Solar Cells Applied to Flexible Solar Array Power Modules	GRC, MSFC
Sierra Nevada Corp	Dream Chaser Imaging During Atmosphere Re-entry	LaRC
Sierra Nevada Corp	Aeroheating and aerodynamic predictions correlation on the UPSTAR deployable decelerator	LaRC
SpaceX	Development of Large Vehicle Landing Surface Interaction and In-Situ Resource Risk Mitigation	KSC
SpaceX	Cryogenic Fluid Transfer Technology Demonstration: Technical Assessment and Concept of Operations Definition	GRC, MSFC
Spirit Aerosystems	Improved Durability for a Low-Cost Reusable Launch Vehicle Manufactured via Friction Stir Welding	MSFC
Vulcan Wireless	Resilience testing of Multi-Mode S-Band Transponder	GSFC

# NextSTEP BAA Appendix D and Appendix E

### Broad Agency Announcement (BAA):

- Appendix D: Proposals to advance In-situ Resource Utilization (ISRU)
  - Trade Studies, component, and subsystem development and testing in relevant environment
- Appendix E: Proposals for prototype efforts and refueling human lunar lander studies
- Fixed price contracts with milestone payments
- Engage related terrestrial industries and leverage existing commercial capabilities
- Increased focus on collaboration with the commercial sector.
- Requires a minimum 20 percent contribution (10% for small businesses) from corporation or customer
- Substantial benefit to both commercial and government sectors
- BAA Appendix D (2018-9): 9 Awards
- BAA Appendix E (STMD, 2019): 11 Awards

# **NextSTEP Appendix D: ISRU BAA Awardees**

Awardee	Title	Center
Blue Origin	Enhancing Lunar Exploration with ISRU Strategies	KSC
Collins Aerospace	Trade Study, Water Electrolysis	GRC
University of Illinois	Integrated Architecture Trade Studies on ISRU Technologies for Human Space Exploration	KSC
BlazeTech	Compact High Efficiency Self-Cleaning Dust Filter for Martian Air	KSC
Paragon	ISRU-derived Water Purification and Hydrogen Oxygen Production (IHOP)	JPL, JSC
Skyhaven	Hydrogen and Methane Separator for Martian ISRU Processing	GRC
Teledyne	Advanced Alkaline Electrolyzer to Support NASA ISRU Applications	GRC
Honeybee	RedWater: Extraction of Water from Mars' Ice Deposits	JPL, KSC
OxEon Energy	Production of O2 and Fuel from In-Situ Resources on Mars	JSC

# FY 2019-2020 Plans

**MOXIE** March 2019 delivery to Mars 2020 for July 2020 Launch





**Terrain Relative Navigation November 2018** Delivery for integration on Mars 2020



**Laser Comm Relay Demo** October 2019

Payload delivery for bus integration



Three free-fliers onboard ISS for demonstration



**Deep Space Optical Comm** June 2019 KDP-C for the flight terminal



**MEDLI2** November 2019 Hardware Delivery for

integration on Mars 2020 entry system





In Space Robotic Manufacturing and Assembly project July 2019 Awarded Made in Space Archinaut mission to manufacture and assemble spacecraft components in LEO. Maxar award likely in Sept.



**FY 2020** 

Completion of critical design



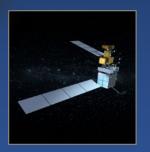
**SPLICE** October 2019

Complete NDL environmental testing; 2020 flight test



**Refabricator Delivery** and Installation aboard **ISS February 2019** 

The first integrated recycler and 3D printer was successfully installed



Restore-L **April 2019** 

Spacecraft critical design review February 2020

Mission CDR





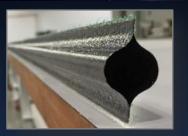


**Flight Opportunities Campaigns** 

# FY 2019-2020 Plans

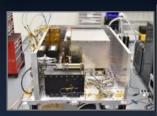


eCryo
April 2020
SHIVER Testing
Complete



Deployable Composite Boom November 2019 Manufactured boom and deployment system will be

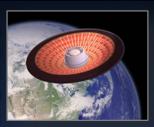
demonstrated early 2020



DSAC & GPIM
June 2019
Launched Aboard STP-2



June 2019 KDP-C April 2020 CDR



Extreme Environment Solar Power July 2019





New Space
Technology
Research Institutes
To advance space ha

To advance space habitat designs using resilient and autonomous systems, NASA selected Habitats Optimized for Missions of Exploration (HOME)-Univ of Calif; and Resilient ExtraTerrestrial Habitats institute (RETHi)-Purdue Univ



Nuclear Thermal Propulsion October 2019 Feasibility and risk

Feasibility and risk assessment study of nuclear thermal propulsion



SpaceCraft Oxygen Recovery (SCOR) June 2020

Performance test results of two advanced oxygen recovery systems will be available in June 2020 for baseline comparison of capability

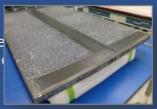


**Solar Electric Propulsion June 2019** KDP-C

FY19: Develop and test
EDU/ETU/qualification hardware
FY20: Complete Critical Design
Review, build qualification units and
begin testing

#### Composite Technology for Exploration September 2019

Complete testing of composite joint technology that will reduce launch dry mass



# STMD by the Numbers (FY 2019)





Back-up

# Mission and Guiding Principles







### Space Technology develops critical technologies to enable:

- A sustainable Lunar surface presence,
- The future goal of sending humans to Mars, and
- Crosscutting and transformative technologies to enable future exploration, science and commercial missions.

### We accomplish this mission by:

- Funding critical technology gaps
- Keeping NASA's space technology pipeline growing with emerging, innovative technologies that promise to drive the future of exploration, science and commercialization.
- ✓ Spark Innovation
- ✓ Engage The Brightest Minds
- ✓ Enable Exploration and Discovery
- ✓ Embrace Competition and Public-Private Partnerships
- ✓ Invest in America



### SBIR/STTR

### Partnerships & Technology Transfer

- Technology Transfer
- Prizes and Challenges
- iTech

### **Early Stage Innovation**

- NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts
- Space Tech Research Grants
- Center Innovation Fund/Early Career Initiative



Mid TRL

### Technology Maturation

 Game Changing Development

## **Technology Demonstrations**

- Technology Demonstration Missions
- Small Spacecraft Technology
- Flight Opportunities





High TRL



