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NASA Human Exploration and Operations Overview;

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The Artemis Program


Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo and goddess of the Moon in Greek mythology. Now, she personifies our path to the Moon as the name of NASA's program to return astronauts to the lunar surface by 2024.

When they land, Artemis astronauts will step foot where no human has ever been before: the Moon's South Pole.

With the horizon goal of sending humans to Mars, Artemis begins the next era of exploration.



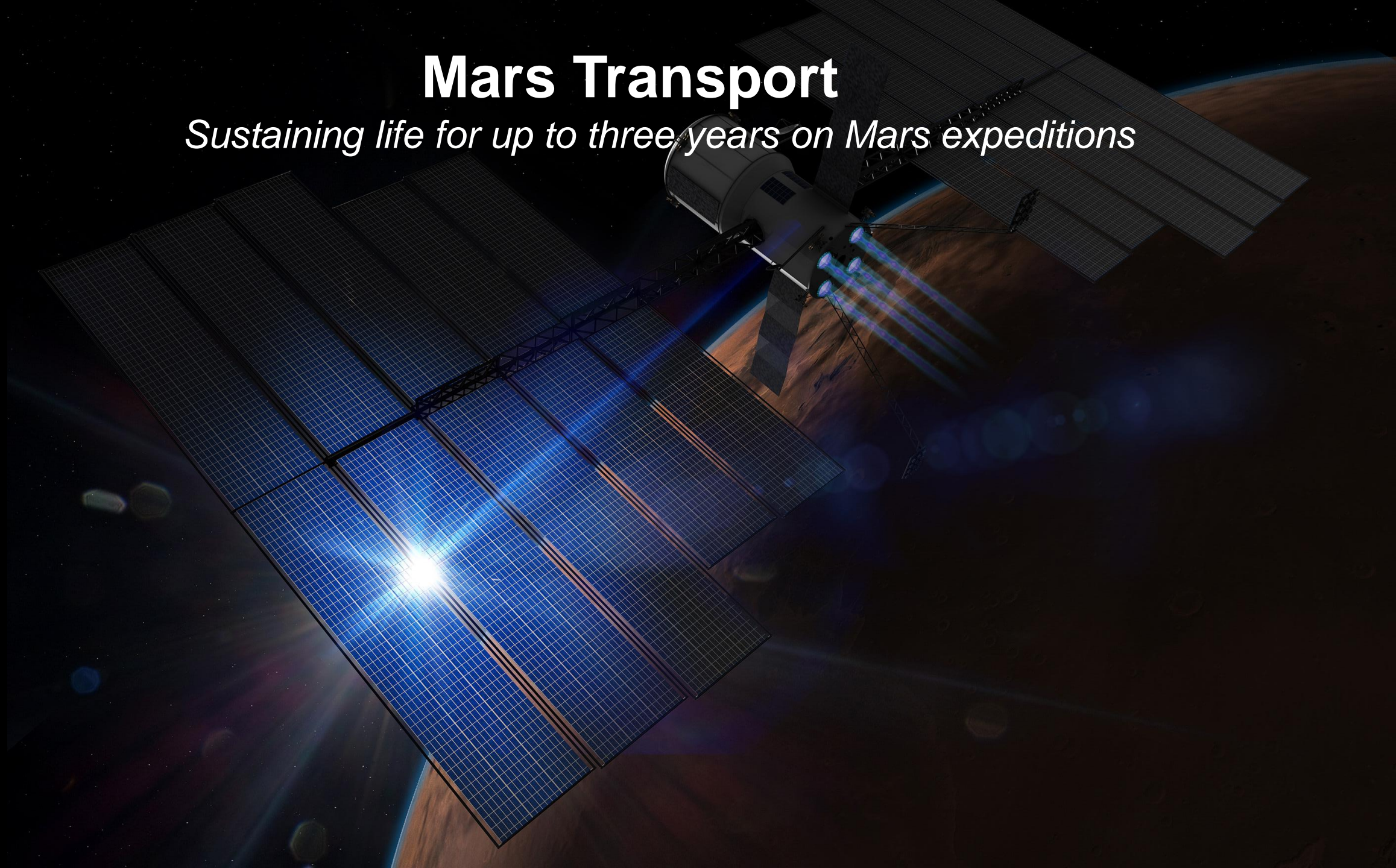
Space Policy Directive 1: To The Moon, Then Mars



“Lead an innovative and sustainable program of exploration with commercial and international partners to enable human expansion across the solar system and to bring back to Earth new knowledge and opportunities. Beginning with missions beyond low-Earth orbit, the United States will lead the return of humans to the Moon for long-term exploration and utilization, followed by human missions to Mars and other destinations...”

Mars Transport

Sustaining life for up to three years on Mars expeditions



5 Hazards Of Human Spaceflight

1

Space Radiation

Invisible to the human eye, radiation increases cancer risk, damages the central nervous system, and can alter cognitive function, reduce motor function and prompt behavioral changes.

2

Isolation and Confinement

Sleep loss, circadian desynchronization, and work overload may lead to performance reductions, adverse health outcomes, and compromised mission objectives.

3

Distance from Earth

Planning and self-sufficiency are essential keys to a successful mission. Communication delays, the possibility of equipment failures and medical emergencies are some situations the astronauts must be capable of confronting.

4

Gravity (or lack thereof)

Astronauts encounter a variance of gravity during missions. On Mars, astronauts would need to live and work in three-eighths of Earth's gravitational pull for up to two years.

5

Hostile/Closed Environments

The ecosystem inside a vehicle plays a big role in everyday astronaut life. Important habitability factors include temperature, pressure, lighting, noise, and quantity of space. It's essential that astronauts stay healthy and happy in such an environment.

Mission Needs Drive Design

LOW EARTH RETURN

3 HOURS

3,000°F

17,500 MPH

250 MILES



LUNAR RETURN

3 DAYS

5,200°F

24,700 MPH

240,000 MILES



MARS RETURN

9 MONTHS

6,200°F

26,800 MPH

39,000,000 MILES

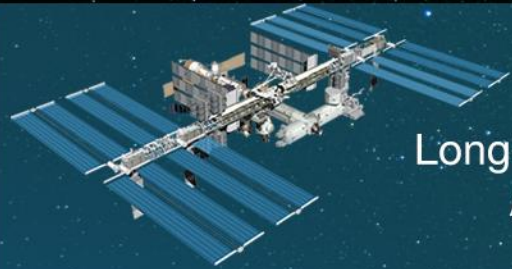


Developing Exploration Capabilities

From Low Earth Orbit to the Moon and Mars

Mars-Class Transportation

**International
Space Station (ISS)**



**Notional
Commercial Platform**



Gateway



Advanced Communications
Advanced Propulsion
Automated In-Space Assembly



Fire Detection, Suppression and Cleanup
Medical Autonomy, Human Health, and Food Systems
Long-Duration Environmental Control and Life Support Systems (ECLSS)
Autonomous Environmental Monitoring and Vehicle Operations
In-Space Manufacturing
Next Generation Spacesuits

Radiation Monitoring and Protection

Entry Descent and Landing (EDL) Including Precision Landing

Earth Surface

Lunar Surface

Mars Surface

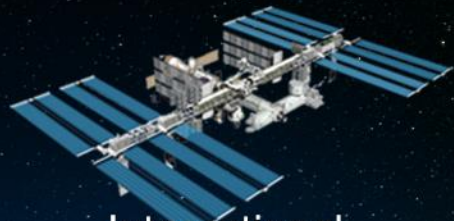
Cryogenic Fluid Management
In-Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU)
Sustainable Power

Earth-Independent Crew Operations with Communications Delay
Autonomous Egress/Post Landing Operations

Sustainable and Efficient Human Exploration

Evolving Environmental Control and Life Support Systems (ECLSS)

**Evolution of ECLSS
ISS to Exploration**



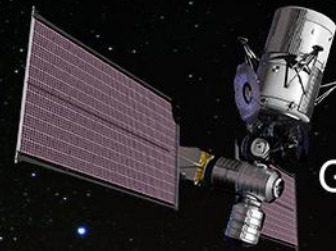
International
Space Station (ISS)

**Continue ECLSS Testbed in
Low-Earth Orbit (LEO)**



Notional
Commercial Platform

**Infuse Exploration
ECLSS as Applicable**



Gateway

**Infuse Exploration ECLSS
into Mars Transport and Surface**



Mars-class Transportation

Surface Systems Ground Test



**Lunar Surface Short Duration
and Regenerative ECLSS**



Mars Surface Regenerative ECLSS



International Interoperability Standards

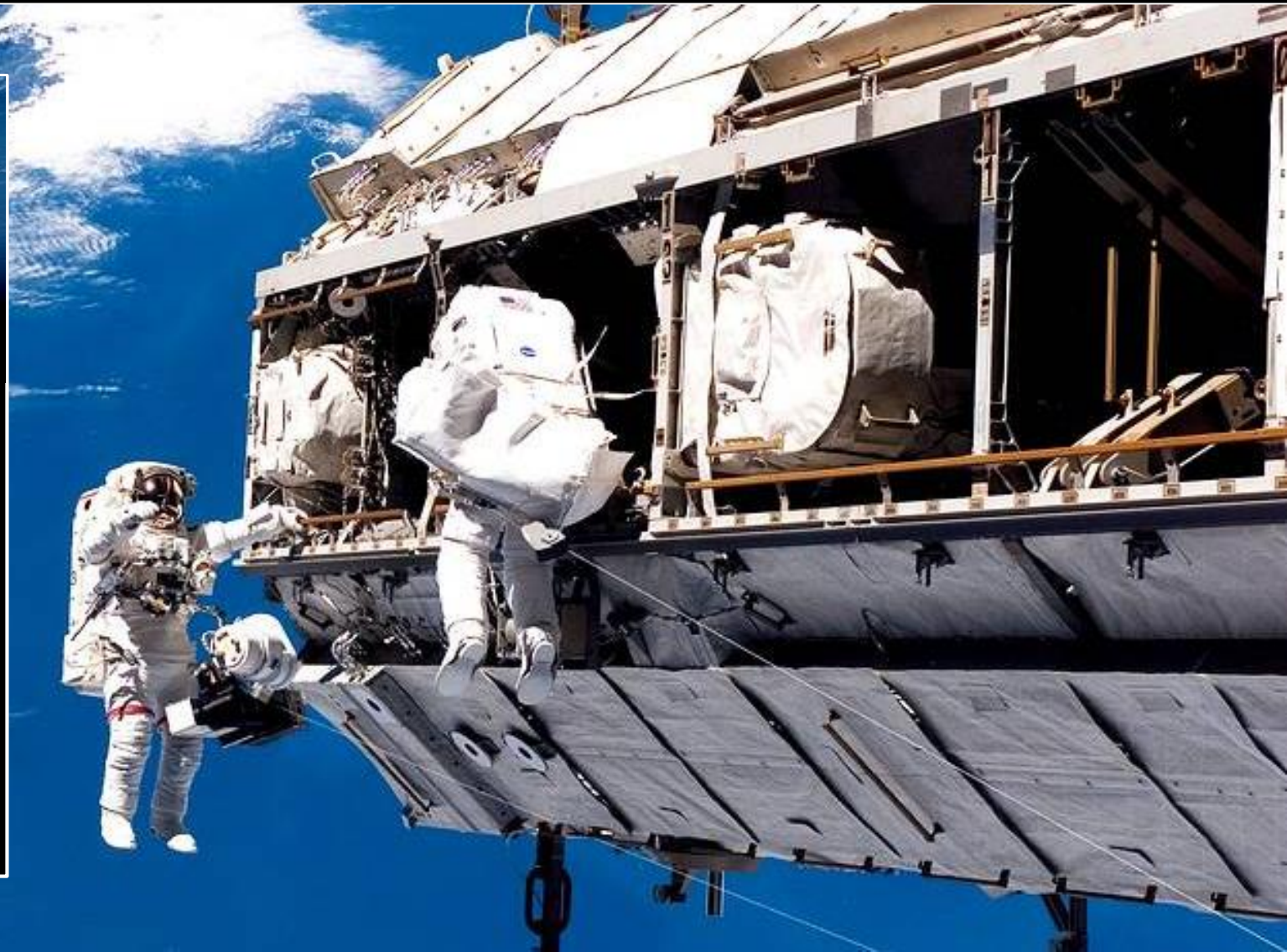
Preparing for deep space exploration



**Draft Deep Space
Interoperability System Standards
Posted for feedback on March 1, 2018**

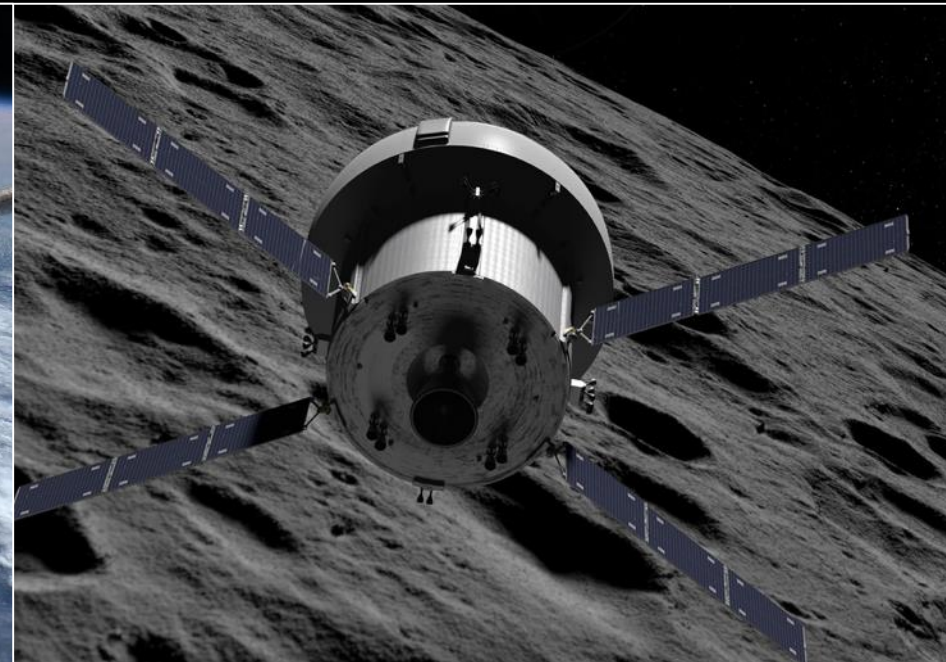
- Avionics
- Communications
- Environmental Control and Life Support Systems
- Power
- Rendezvous
- Robotics
- Thermal

www.InternationalDeepSpaceStandards.com



International Cooperation

NASA is leading and facilitating a sustainable open architecture program that is open to and relies on international and commercial partners



The International Space Station

The Centerpiece of Exploration and Model for a New Future in Space



*Soyuz
(Roscosmos)
Operational
Crew Vehicle*



Continuous and ongoing cargo and crew operations aboard space station, along with commercial and international partnerships, allows human exploration to advance at a sustainable pace



CARGO

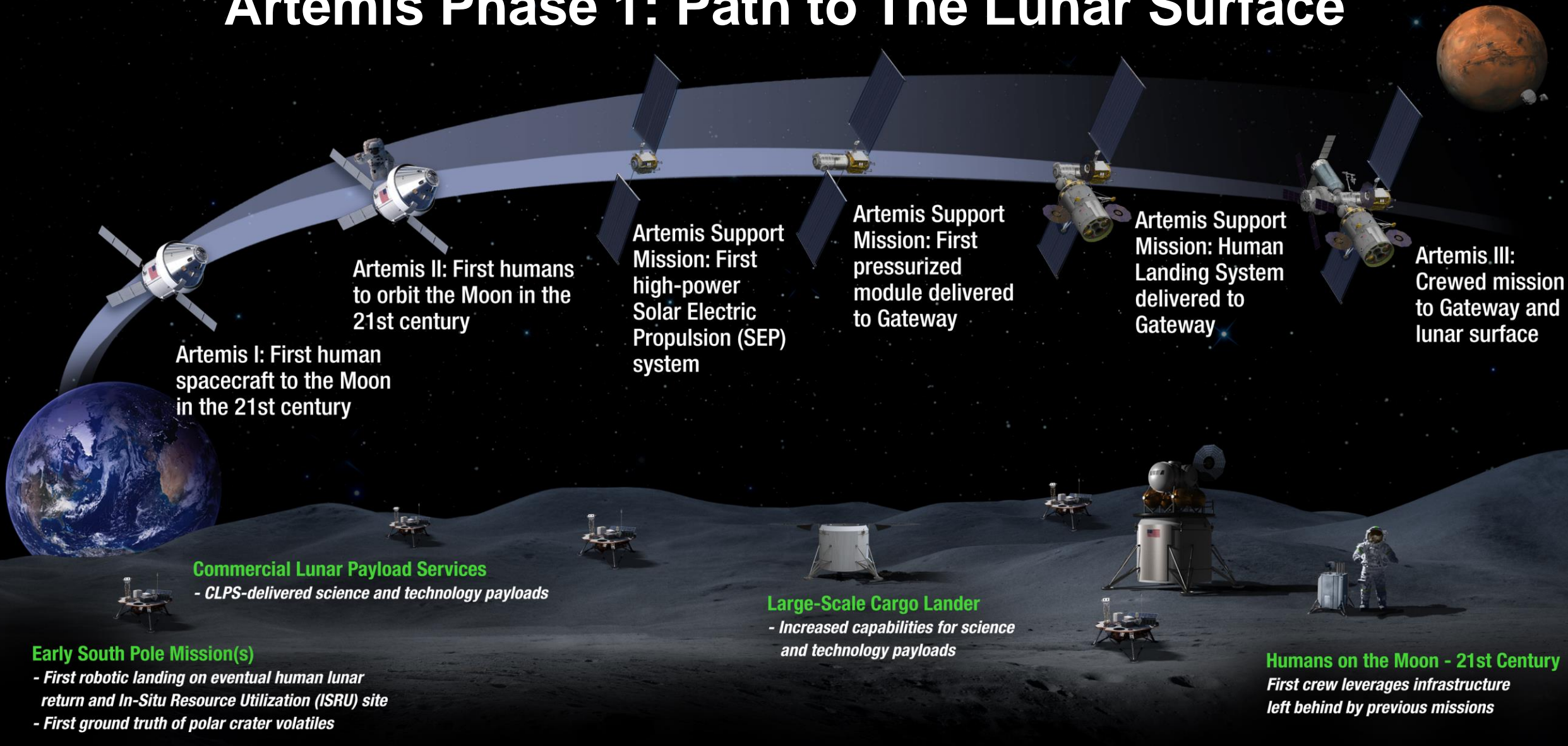
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Commercializing Low-Earth Orbit

Transitioning U.S. human spaceflight in low-Earth orbit to commercial operations, supporting NASA and the needs of an emerging private sector



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

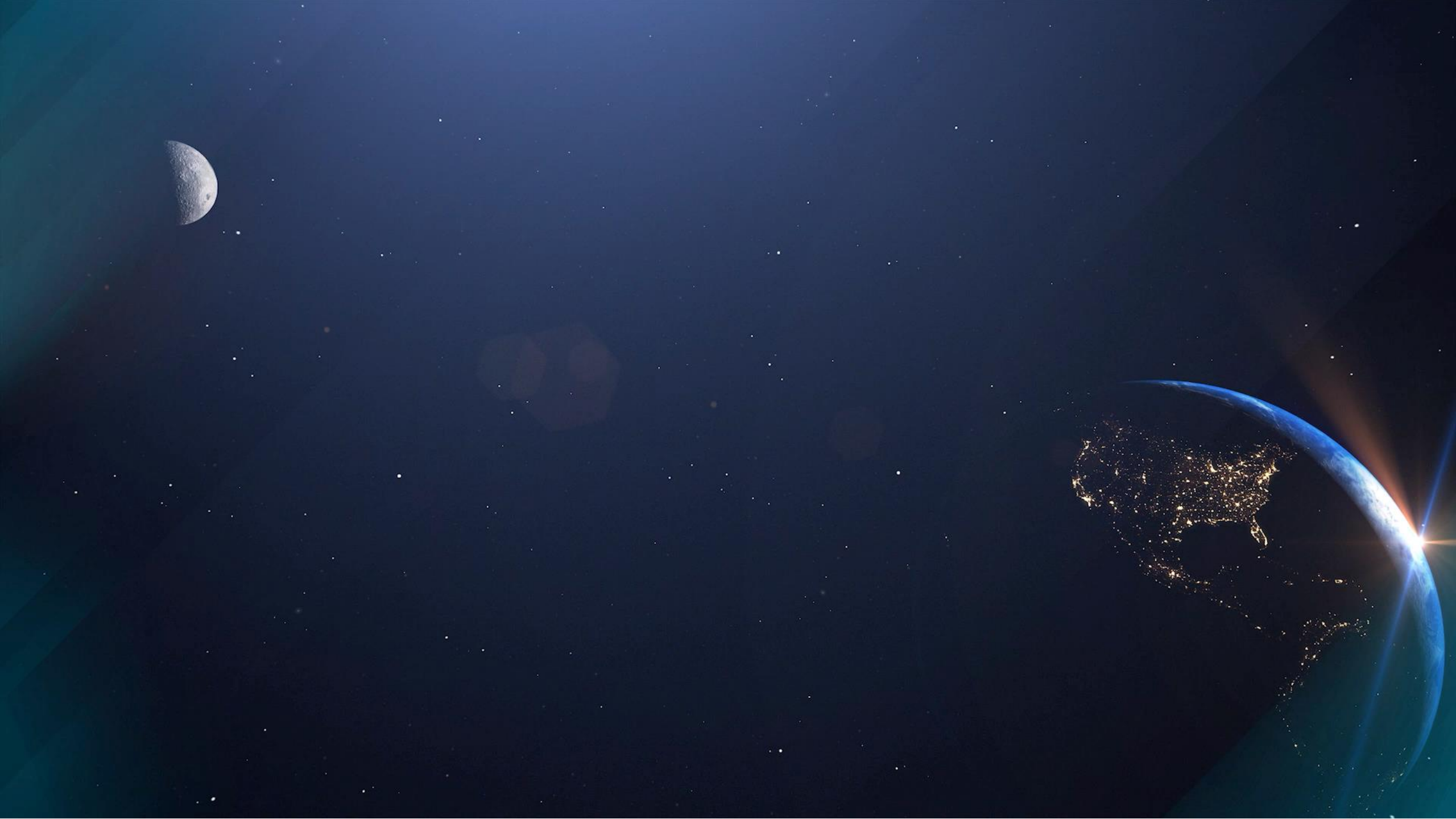
Commercial Lunar Payload Services
- CLPS-delivered science and technology payloads

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



ARTEMIS I Mission Priorities

A flight test that will enable NASA to fly crew to the Moon and back on Artemis II:

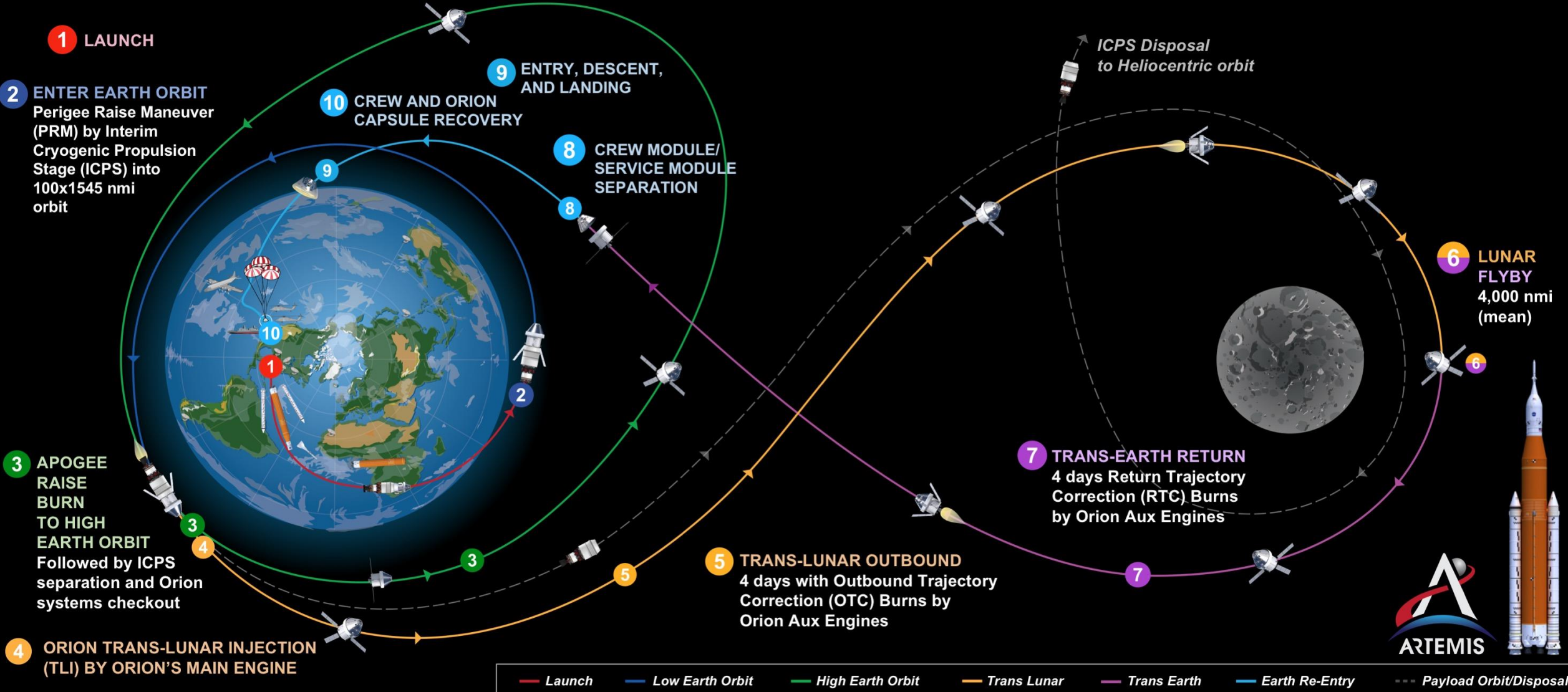
1. **Demonstrate Orion heatshield at lunar entry velocities**
2. **Operate Systems in Flight Environment**
3. **Retrieve Spacecraft**
4. **Complete Remaining Objectives:**
Perform residual mission in the absence of system failures and conduct all mission content as planned



ARTEMIS II



Crewed Hybrid Free Return Trajectory, demonstrating crewed flight and spacecraft systems performance beyond Low Earth Orbit (LEO)



SLS Configuration (Block 1) with Human Rated ICPS | 15x1200 nmi (27.8x2222.4 km) insertion orbit | 28.5 deg inclination

4 astronauts | Mission duration: 10 Days | Re-entry speed: 24,500 mph (Mach 32)





ARTEMIS III

Landing on the Moon in 2024

- 1 LAUNCH**
SLS and Orion lift off from Kennedy Space Center
- 2 JETTISON ROCKET BOOSTERS**
Solid rocket boosters separate
- 3 JETTISON LAUNCH ABORT SYSTEM (LAS)**
The LAS is no longer needed, Orion could safety abort
- 4 CORE STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUT OFF**
With separation
- 5 ENTER EARTH ORBIT**
Perform the perigee raise maneuver
- 6 EARTH ORBIT**
Systems check and solar panel adjustments
- 7 TRANS LUNAR INJECTION BURN**
Burn lasts for approximately 20 minutes
- 8 ORION OUTBOUND TRANSIT TO MOON**
Requires several attitude maneuvers
- 9 ORION OUTBOUND POWERED FLYBY**
- 10 GATEWAY ORBIT INSERTION BURN**
Orion performs burn and rendezvous to dock to the Gateway
- 11 HUMAN LANDING SYSTEM (HLS)**
Undocks from Gateway
- 12 HLS ENTERS LOW LUNAR ORBIT**
Descends to lunar touchdown
- 13 GATEWAY/ORION REMAIN IN LUNAR GATEWAY ORBIT**
During lunar surface mission
- 14 HLS ASCENDS LOW LUNAR ORBIT**
Then to Gateway Orbit to dock with Gateway
- 15 CREW RETURNS TO ORION**
Undocks from Gateway, and departs Gateway Orbit
- 16 ORION RETURN POWERED FLYBY**
- 17 ORION TRANSITS TO EARTH**
- 18 ENTRY INTERFACE**
Enter Earth's atmosphere
- 19 SPLASHDOWN**
Pacific Ocean landing within view of U.S. Navy recovery ships

Gateway Orbit

To Earth

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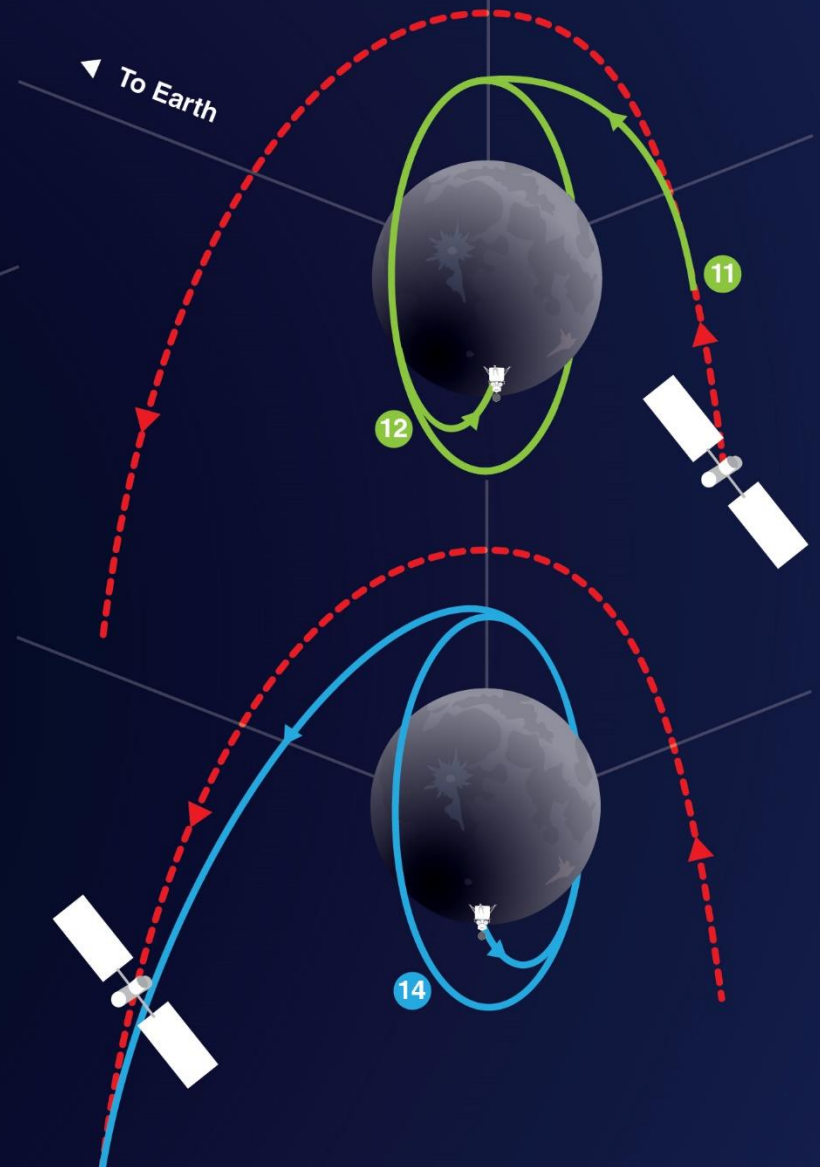
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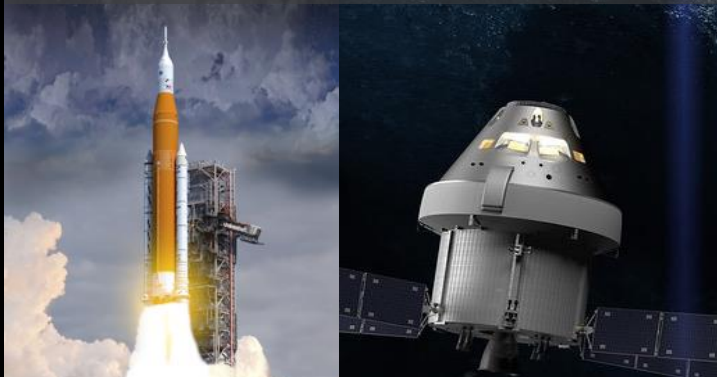
Achieving 2024 – A Parallel Path to Success

Artemis will see government and commercial systems moving in parallel to complete the architecture and deliver crew



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NASA Programs SLS and Orion



Artemis 1

First flight test of SLS and Orion as an integrated system

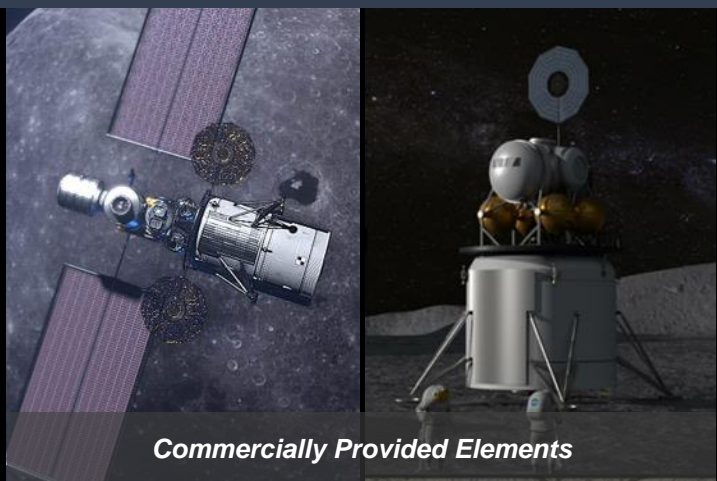
Artemis 2

First flight of crew to the Moon aboard SLS and Orion

Artemis 3

First crew to the lunar surface; Logistics delivered for 2024 surface mission

Between now and 2024, U.S. industry delivers the launches and human landing system necessary for a faster return to the Moon and sustainability through Gateway.



Commercially Provided Elements

CARGO

PPE

Power and Propulsion Element arrives at NRHO via commercial rocket

Pressurized Module

Small area for crew to check out systems prior to lunar transfer and decent

Human Landing System

Transfer

Transfers lander from Gateway to low lunar orbit

Descent

Descends from Transfer Vehicle to lunar surface

Ascent

Ascends from lunar surface to Gateway

Up to three commercial rocket launches, depending on distribution of the Transfer, Descent, and Ascent functions.



Deep Space Exploration Systems

Status and progress of SLS, Orion and Ground Systems

SLS Progress Toward Artemis I Flight Articles



SLS Progress Toward Artemis II



**All Booster Motor Segments Cast;
Seven Complete**



Forward Skirt



**Liquid Oxygen
Tank**



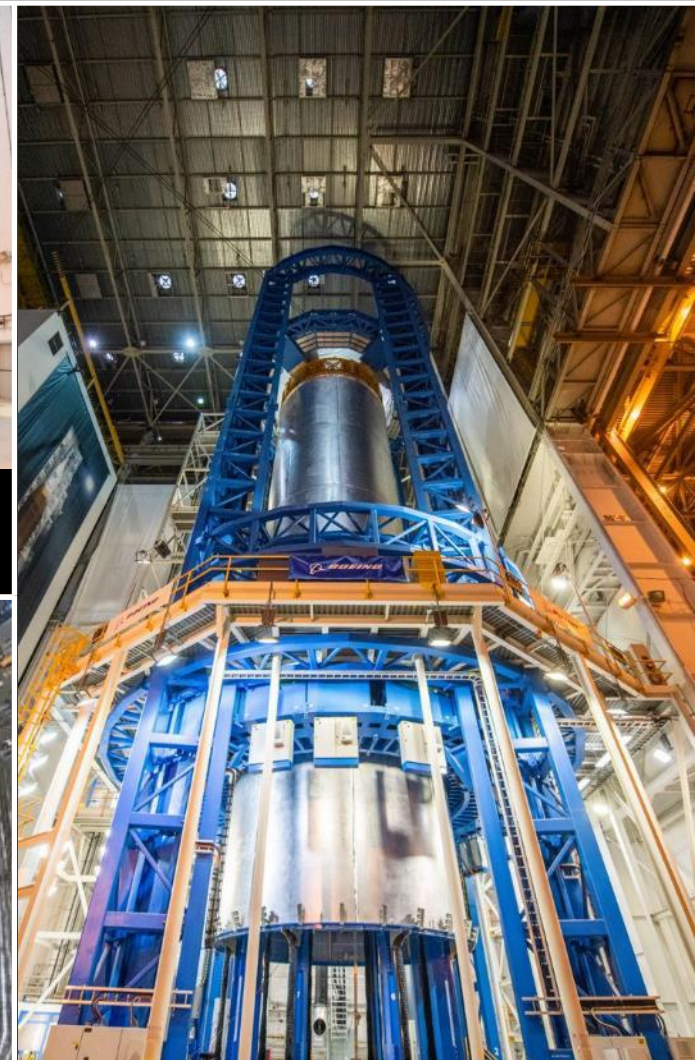
**Two Rs-25s Complete,
Controllers Green Run**



Engine Section



**LVSA, OSA, ICPS
Panels**



Liquid Hydrogen Tank

Third Flight and Beyond



Five RL-10s Complete



Booster Processing



Payload Adapter Manufacturing
Demonstration Article



RS-25 HIP-bonded Main
Combustion Chamber



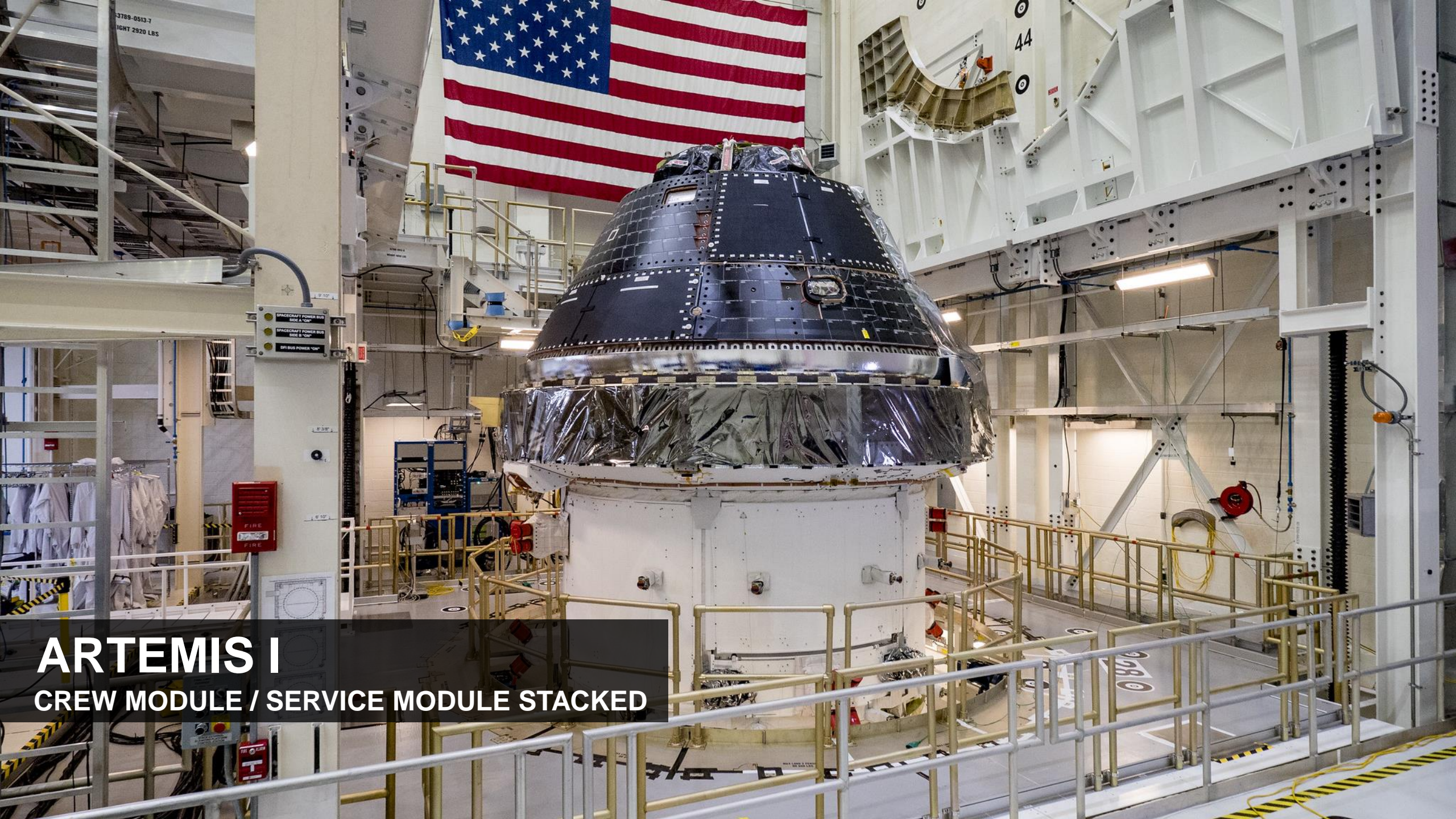
Tooling for USA



EUS Weld Confidence Articles



Additive Manufactured POGO Accumulator



ARTEMIS I

CREW MODULE / SERVICE MODULE STACKED



ARTEMIS I

STRUCTURAL TEST ARTICLE



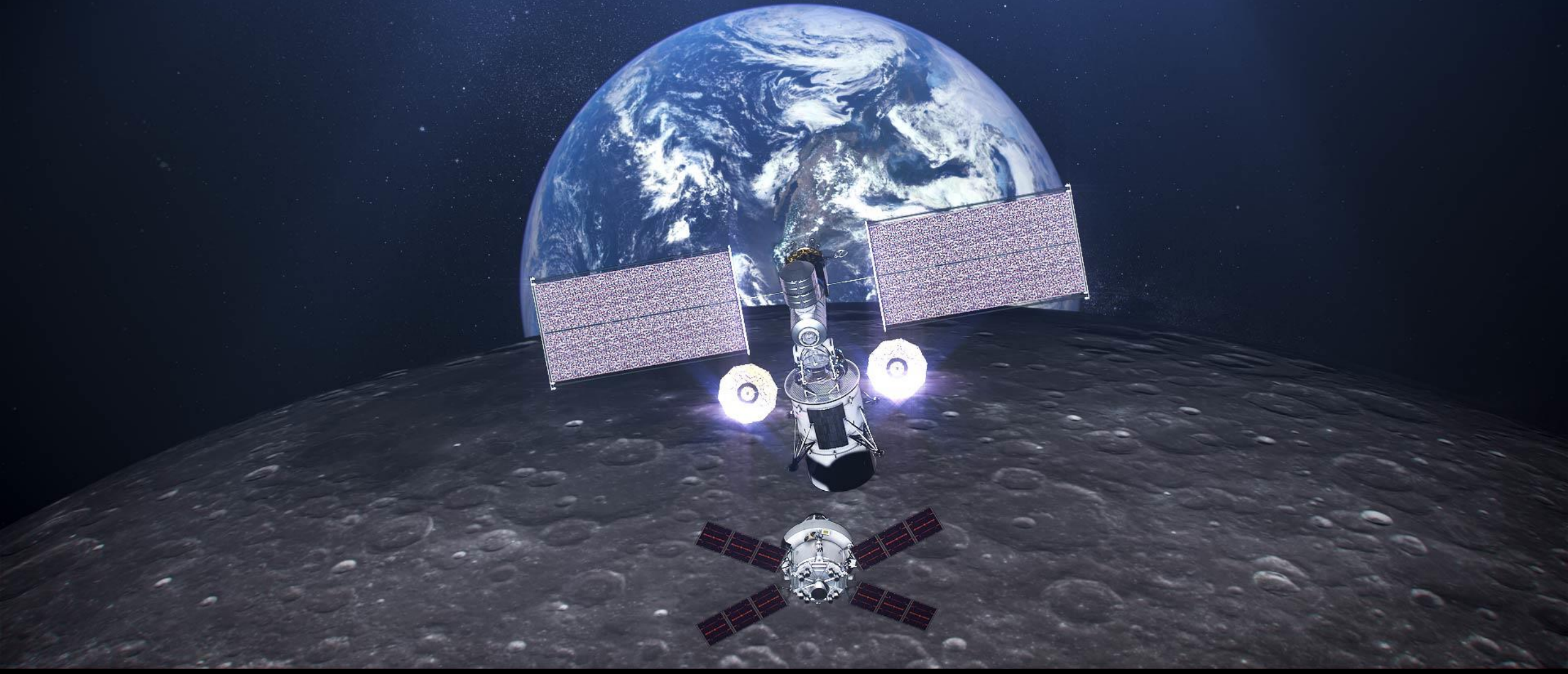
WEIGHT OF PERSON (PW) = 300 LBS
WEIGHT OF EQUIPMENT (EW) = 500 LB
PROOF LOAD (PL) = TW X PLF = 3,400 LB
PROOF LOAD FACTOR (PLF) = 2.00
MAX CAPACITY = 4 PEOPLE
+ 500 LB = 1700 LBS
MAX NUMBER OF PEOPLE (N) = 4
TOTAL WEIGHT (TW) = (N X PW) + EW = 1700 LB

ARTEMIS I

INTEGRATED TEST LAB

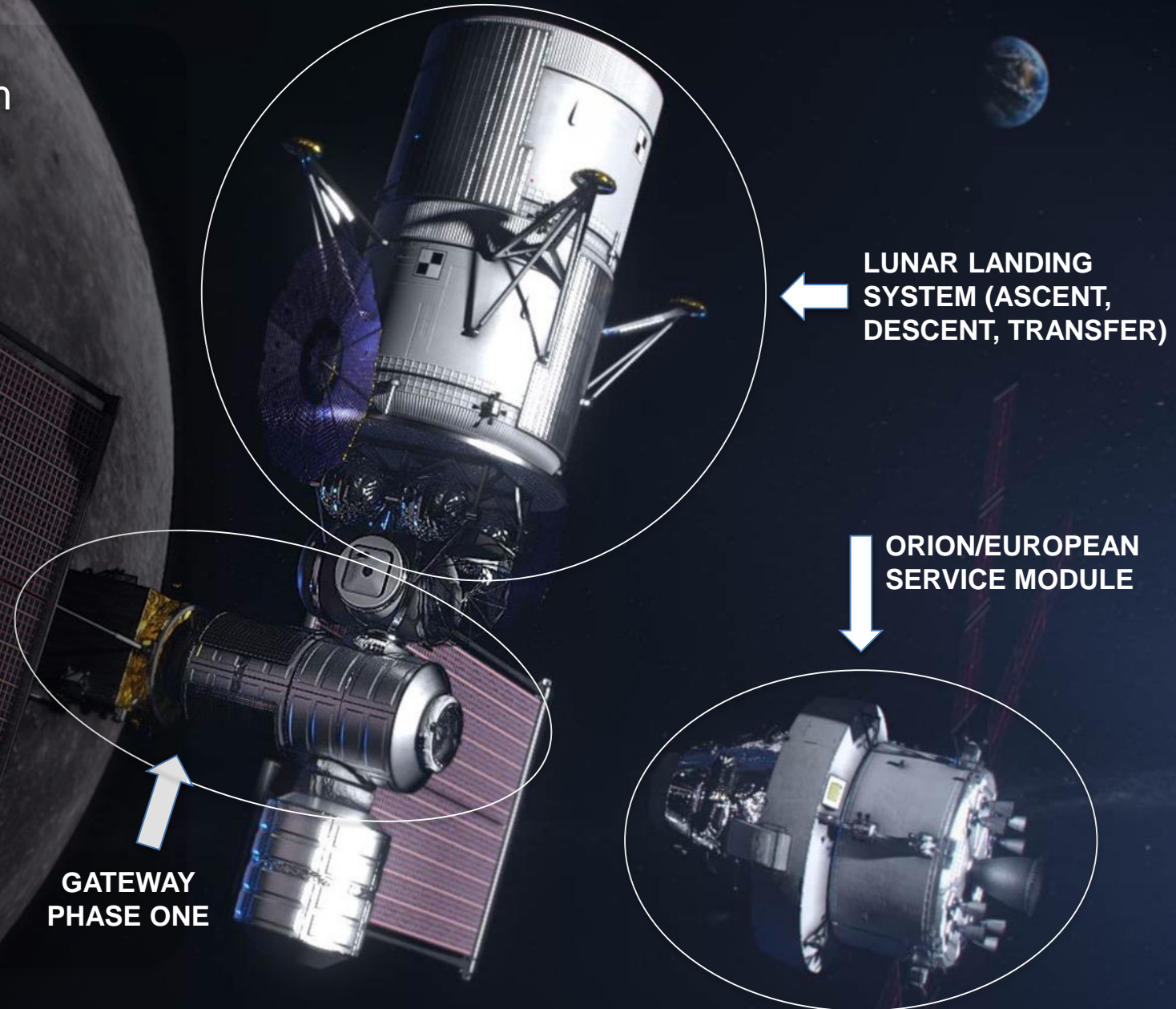
Gateway

Establishing an infrastructure for long-term exploration of the Moon while designing a strategic and sustainable presence in deep space



Gateway Enables Exploration of the Moon and Mars

- Initial Gateway focuses on the minimum systems required to support a 2024 human lunar landing while also supporting Phase 2
- Provides command center and aggregation point for 2024 human landing
- Establishes strategic presence around the Moon – US in the leadership role
- Creates resilience and robustness in the lunar architecture
- Open architecture and interoperability standards provides building blocks for partnerships and future expansion



Potential Gateway Science Opportunities



CREWS LIVING AND WORKING IN THE DEEP SPACE ENVIRONMENT

- » Human health and performance associated with living and working in deep space



ELEMENTS WILL HAVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PAYLOAD ACCOMMODATIONS

- » Earth science, heliophysics, astrophysics, lunar/planetary science, and fundamental physics
- » Technology and capability testing for future exploration destinations
- » Combined radiation effects and microgravity on biological organisms



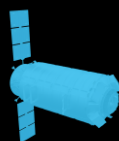
LUNAR SURFACE OPPORTUNITIES

- » Crewed and robotic surface missions
- » Sample return
- » Lander and systems development



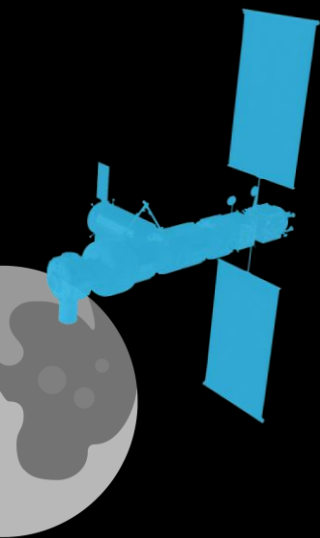
OTHER CISLUNAR LOCATIONS ACCESSIBLE

- » Potential for use of logistics modules as science platforms post departure from Gateway, including heliocentric disposal orbit
- » Variations of NRHO, Low Lunar Orbit, Distant Retrograde Orbit, Earth-Moon Lagrange Points



GATEWAY COMMUNICATIONS RELAY

- » Coverage of lunar poles, craters/valleys and lunar farside not possible from Earth
- » Teleoperations of surface assets by crew or Earth-based operators
- » In support of small satellite communications relay



Human Landing System

Providing crew access to the lunar surface

NASA will develop increasingly larger,
and reusable landers for humans

Our solicitation is open and we are
looking forward to innovative concepts
from U.S. industry



Sustained Surface Activities

The Moon's unique science platform will advance our understanding of our home planet and our solar system



A detailed illustration of an astronaut in a modernized space suit, holding a camera. The astronaut is in the foreground, looking towards the viewer. In the background, a large space station or lunar lander is visible, and the moon is seen in the dark sky. The scene is set in space, with a blue and white color palette.

Modernized Space Suits

NASA is preparing to build the modernized spacesuits for 2024, called *Exploration Extravehicular Mobility Unit*, or xEMU

The 2024 suits will be built in-house; we have released a request for information inviting thoughts from U.S. industry of how to shift production to the private sector for 2025 and beyond

QUESTIONS?

