

NONREIMBURSABLE SPACE ACT AGREEMENT
GSFC-23-38444
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY
AND
VIRGINIA SPACE FLIGHT ACADEMY
FOR
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY AND PARTIES

In accordance with the National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. § 20113(e)), this Agreement is entered into by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Center Wallops Flight Facility, located at Wallops Island, VA 23337 (hereinafter referred to as "NASA GSFC," "GSFC," "NASA WFF," "WFF," or "NASA") and VIRGINIA SPACE FLIGHT ACADEMY located at 7290 Enterprise Street, Wallops Island, VA 23337-2103 (hereinafter referred to as "Partner" or "VSFA"). NASA and Partner may be individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

NASA and Virginia Space Flight Academy wish to create a partnership by which youth are afforded an opportunity to enhance their interest in science, technology, engineering, math, and related careers through exposure to science and technical outreach activities provided by GSFC WFF at Wallops Flight Facility (WFF), Wallops Island, Virginia.

ARTICLE 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. NASA WFF will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Provide a NASA liaison from the Wallops Office of Communications (herein GSFC WFF Representative) to VSFA, to accomplish NASA outreach goals.
2. Provide access to designated range facilities on a non-interference basis which may include, but are not limited to, Wallops Flight Facility Range Control Center, Radiosonde Balloon Launch Facility, Radar Facilities, Aircraft Hangar Facilities, and Non-Hazardous Laboratories.
3. Locate the entire group together in one facility but reserves the right to provide for separation of the campers into smaller groups for purposes of visiting facilities at WFF, or for reasons otherwise determined appropriate by the GSFC WFF representative.
4. Provide limited short-term support by NASA personnel for technical lectures and tours, to the extent GSFC WFF can do so.

B. Partner will use reasonable efforts to:

1. Coordinate all activities on NASA property with the Wallops Office of Communications (the Office of Communications will, in turn, coordinate activities with relevant organizations on Wallops and ensure outreach activities do not impact mission activities).
2. Provides scheduling requests 30 days in advance of all WFF tours and lecture sessions, which are subject to approval by the Office of Communications prior to conduct of any activities.
3. Provide summer weeklong, residential camp sessions primarily intended for students in middle and junior high school (ages 11 to 16 years) allowing for other age groups as program interest diversifies. Partner will meet annually with the NASA GSFC Wallops Office of Communications in advance of scheduling programs. The number of programs supported by NASA each year will be based on the availability of staff to support, scheduled missions and NASA Wallops Outreach and Education Opportunities that are being conducted.
4. Provide one VSFA adult staff for each 10 campers at all times while on GSFC WFF premises.
5. Ensure that VSFA time spent by campers at WFF may not exceed 50% of each camp interval.
6. Offer technical and scientific expertise in topics such as astronomy, weather, rocketry, robotics, computer, model rocket launches, space mission simulations, robotic activities, problem solving exercises, aircraft tours and weather balloon launches.
7. Transport its campers and staff to and from WFF and providing for oversight of the students while at WFF to ensure their health and safety at all times.
8. Arrange accommodation for any student that requires special accommodation, and for notifying the GSFC WFF representative sufficiently in advance to enable GSFC WFF's assessment of its ability to assist VSFA with such special accommodation.
9. Provide adequate staff to support all academy activities with limited support for GSFC WFF personnel.
10. Ensure that all rules applicable to any person while at WFF and all instructions provided by the GSFC WFF representative, are observed by the campers and staff while at WFF.
11. Partner may collect registration fees to offset their costs related to hosting Programs, and any funds received through registration fees will be solely used for Partner's portion of the costs of the Partnership activities. The NASA name, initials, insignia or other identifiers in any form shall not appear in any solicitation for registration for the Programs, or in any promotion or advertisement that includes requirements for registration for the Programs.
12. This Agreement does not prohibit Partner from soliciting sponsorships in connection with its activities hereunder, subject to the following:
 - (i) any funds received from sponsors will be solely used for Partner's costs of the activities hereunder;

- (ii) The NASA name, initials, Insignia or other identifiers in any form shall not appear in any such solicitation for a sponsorship, or in any promotion or advertisement for a sponsor in connection with any activities hereunder, and
- (iii) sponsor shall not be permitted to use the NASA name, initials, Insignia or other identifiers in any form in connection with the sponsorship.

ARTICLE 4. SCHEDULE AND MILESTONES

The planned major milestones for the activities defined in the "Responsibilities" Article are as follows:

NASA and VSFA will plan on number of camps supported in the 1st year by GSFC WFF.	Upon Signature
NASA and VSFA will agree on number of camps supported by GSFC WFF.	Annually in October
VSFA will provide foreign national badge requests to NASA technical contact.	60 days prior to access
VSFA and NASA will coordinate program schedules	Annually in May

ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There will be no transfer of funds between the Parties under this Agreement and each Party will fund its own participation. All activities under or pursuant to this Agreement are subject to the availability of funds, and no provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, (31 U.S.C. § 1341).

ARTICLE 6. PRIORITY OF USE

Any schedule or milestone in this Agreement is estimated based upon the Parties' current understanding of the projected availability of NASA goods, services, facilities, or equipment. In the event that NASA's projected availability changes, Partner shall be given reasonable notice of that change, so that the schedule and milestones may be adjusted accordingly. The Parties agree that NASA's use of the goods, services, facilities, or equipment shall have priority over the use planned in this Agreement. Should a conflict arise, NASA in its sole discretion shall determine whether to exercise that priority. Likewise, should a conflict arise as between two or more non-NASA Partners, NASA, in its sole discretion, shall determine the priority as between those Partners. This Agreement does not obligate NASA to seek alternative government property or services under the jurisdiction of NASA at other locations.

ARTICLE 7. NONEXCLUSIVITY

This Agreement is not exclusive; accordingly, NASA may enter into similar agreements for the same or similar purpose with other private or public entities.

ARTICLE 8. LIABILITY

A. Each Party hereby waives any claim against the other Party or one or more of its Related Entities (defined below) for any injury to, or death of, the waiving Party or one or more of its Related Entities, or for damage to, or loss of, the waiving Party's property or the property of its Related Entities arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement, whether such injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise, except in the case of willful misconduct. B. Partner further agrees to extend this waiver to its related entities by requiring them, by contract or otherwise, to waive all claims against NASA and its Related Entities for injury, death, damage, or loss arising from or related to activities conducted under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Related Entities" shall mean contractors and subcontractors of a Party at any tier; grantees, investigators, customers, and users of a Party at any tier and their contractors or subcontractor at any tier; or, employees of the Party or any of the foregoing. C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article, the waivers of liability set forth in this section shall not be applicable to: i. Claims between a Party and its own Related Entity or between its own Related Entities; ii. Claims made by a natural person, his/her estate, survivors, or anyone claiming by or through him/her (except when such person or entity is a Party to this Agreement or is otherwise bound by the terms of this waiver) for bodily injury to, or other impairment of health of, or death of, such person; iii. Claims for damage caused by willful misconduct; iv. Intellectual property claims; v. Claims for damage resulting from a failure of a Party to extend the waiver of liability to its Related Entities, pursuant to paragraph B of this Article; or vi. Claims by a Party arising out of or relating to another Party's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - DATA RIGHTS

Information and data exchanged under this Agreement is exchanged without restrictions unless required by national security regulations (e.g., classified information) or as otherwise provided in this Agreement or agreed to by the Parties for specifically identified information or data (e.g., information or data specifically marked with a restrictive notice).

ARTICLE 10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS - INVENTION AND PATENT RIGHTS

A. "Related Entity" as used in this Invention and Patent Rights Article means a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or other entity having a legal relationship with NASA or Partner assigned, tasked, or contracted with to perform activities under this Agreement. B. The invention and patent rights herein apply to employees and Related Entities of Partner. Partner shall ensure that its employees and Related Entity employees know about and are bound by the obligations under this Article. C. NASA has determined that 51 U.S.C. § 20135(b) does not apply to this Agreement. Therefore, title to inventions made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under this Agreement remain with the respective inventing party(ies). No invention or patent rights are exchanged or granted under this Agreement. NASA and Partner will use reasonable efforts to report inventions made jointly by their employees (including employees of their Related Entities). The Parties will consult and agree on the responsibilities and actions to establish and maintain patent protection for joint invention, and on the terms and conditions of any license or other rights exchanged or granted between them.

ARTICLE 11. USE OF NASA NAME AND NASA EMBLEMS

A. NASA Name and Initials Partner shall not use "National Aeronautics and Space Administration" or "NASA" in a way that creates the impression that a product or service has the authorization, support, sponsorship, or endorsement of NASA, which does not, in fact, exist. Except for releases under the "Release of General Information to the Public and Media" Article, Partner must submit any proposed public use of the NASA name or initials (including press releases and all promotional and advertising use) to the NASA Associate Administrator for the Office of Communications or designee ("NASA Communications") for review and approval. Approval by NASA Office of Communications shall be based on applicable law and policy governing the use of the NASA name and initials. B. NASA Emblems Use of NASA emblems (i.e., NASA Seal, NASA Insignia, NASA logotype, NASA Program Identifiers, and the NASA Flag) is governed by 14 C.F.R. Part 1221. Partner must submit any proposed use of the emblems to NASA Communications for review and approval.

ARTICLE 12. RELEASE OF GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

NASA or Partner may, consistent with Federal law and this Agreement, release general information regarding its own participation in this Agreement as desired. Pursuant to Section 841(d) of the NASA Transition Authorization Act of 2017, Public Law 115-10 (the "NTAA"), NASA is obligated to publicly disclose copies of all agreements conducted pursuant to NASA's 51 U.S.C. §20113(e) authority in a searchable format on the NASA website within 60 days after the agreement is signed by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that a copy of this Agreement will be disclosed, without redactions, in accordance with the NTAA.

ARTICLE 13. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY

Goods, services, facilities, or equipment provided by NASA under this Agreement are provided “as is.” NASA makes no express or implied warranty as to the condition of any such goods, services, facilities, or equipment, or as to the condition of any research or information generated under this Agreement, or as to any products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement including as a result of the use of information generated hereunder, or as to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of such research, information, or resulting product, or that the goods, services, facilities or equipment provided will accomplish the intended results or are safe for any purpose including the intended purpose, or that any of the above will not interfere with privately-owned rights of others. Neither the government nor its contractors shall be liable for special, consequential or incidental damages attributed to such equipment, facilities, technical information, or services provided under this Agreement or such research, information, or resulting products made or developed under or as a result of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14. DISCLAIMER OF ENDORSEMENT

NASA does not endorse or sponsor any commercial product, service, or activity. NASA’s participation in this Agreement or provision of goods, services, facilities or equipment under this Agreement does not constitute endorsement by NASA. Partner agrees that nothing in this Agreement will be construed to imply that NASA authorizes, supports, endorses, or sponsors any product or service of Partner resulting from activities conducted under this Agreement, regardless of the fact that such product or service may employ NASA-developed technology.

ARTICLE 15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, safety; security; export control; environmental; and suspension and debarment laws and regulations. Access by a Partner to NASA facilities or property, or to a NASA Information Technology (IT) system or application, is contingent upon compliance with NASA security and safety policies and guidelines including, but not limited to, standards on badging, credentials, and facility and IT system/application access, including use of Interconnection Security Agreements (ISAs), when applicable.

B. With respect to any export control requirements:

1. The Parties will comply with all U.S. export control laws and regulations, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. Parts 120 through 130, and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 C.F.R. Parts 730 through 799, in performing work under this Agreement or any Annex to this Agreement. In the absence of available license exemptions or exceptions, the Partner shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate licenses or other approvals, if required, for exports of hardware, technical data and software, or for the provision of technical assistance.

2. The Partner shall be responsible for obtaining export licenses, if required, before utilizing foreign persons in the performance of work under this Agreement or any Annex under this Agreement, including instances where the work is to be performed on-site at NASA and where the foreign person will have access to export-controlled technical data or software.
3. The Partner will be responsible for all regulatory record-keeping requirements associated with the use of licenses and license exemptions or exceptions.
4. The Partner will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Article apply to its Related Entities.

C. With respect to suspension and debarment requirements:

1. The Partner hereby certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it has complied, and shall comply, with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C, as supplemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 1880, Subpart C.
2. The Partner shall include language and requirements equivalent to those set forth in subparagraph C.1., above, in any lower-tier covered transaction entered into under this Agreement.

D. With respect to the requirements in Section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019, Public Law 115-232:

1. In performing this Agreement, Partner will not use, integrate with a NASA system, or procure with NASA funds (if applicable), “covered telecommunications equipment or services” (as defined in Section 889(f)(3) of the NDAA).
2. The Partner will ensure that the provisions of this Article apply to its Related Entities.

ARTICLE 16. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement becomes effective on May 01, 2023 and shall remain in effect until the completion of all obligations of both Parties hereto, or five years from the Effective Date, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE 17. RIGHT TO TERMINATE

Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement by providing thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other Party.

ARTICLE 18. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of the Parties that, by their nature, would continue beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement, e.g., “Liability and Risk of Loss” and “Intellectual Property Rights”-related clauses shall survive such expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19. POINTS OF CONTACT

The following personnel are designated as the Points of Contact between the Parties in the performance of this Agreement.

Management Points of Contact

NASA Wallops Flight Facility

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ARTICLE 20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided in the Article entitled “Priority of Use,” the Article entitled “Intellectual Property Rights – Invention and Patent Rights” (for those activities governed by 37 C.F.R. Part 404), and those situations where a pre-existing statutory or regulatory system exists (e.g., under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552), all disputes concerning questions of fact or law arising under this Agreement shall be referred by the claimant in writing to the appropriate person identified in this Agreement as the “Points of Contact.” The persons identified as the “Points of Contact” for NASA and the Partner will consult and attempt to resolve all issues arising from the implementation of this Agreement. If they are unable to come to agreement on any issue, the dispute will be referred to the signatories to this Agreement, or their designees, for joint resolution. If the Parties remain unable to resolve the dispute, then the NASA signatory or that person’s designee, as applicable, will issue a written decision that will be the final agency decision for the purpose of judicial review. Nothing in this Article limits or prevents either Party from pursuing any other right or remedy available by law upon the issuance of the final agency decision.

ARTICLE 21. MODIFICATIONS

Any modification to this Agreement shall be executed, in writing, and signed by an authorized representative of NASA and the Partner.

ARTICLE 22. ASSIGNMENT

Neither this Agreement nor any interest arising under it will be assigned by the Partner or NASA without the express written consent of the officials executing, or successors, or higher- level officials possessing original or delegated authority to execute this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23. APPLICABLE LAW

U.S. Federal law governs this Agreement for all purposes, including, but not limited to, determining the validity of the Agreement, the meaning of its provisions, and the rights, obligations and remedies of the Parties.

ARTICLE 24. INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP

This Agreement is not intended to constitute, create, give effect to or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, or formal business organization, or agency agreement of any kind, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be only those expressly set forth herein.

ARTICLE 25. LOAN OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

The parties shall enter into a NASA Form 893, Loan of NASA Equipment, for NASA equipment loaned to Partner.

ARTICLE 26. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

The signatories to this Agreement covenant and warrant that they have authority to execute this Agreement. By signing below, the undersigned agrees to the above terms and conditions.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

VIRGINIA SPACE FLIGHT ACADEMY

BY: _____
David L. Pierce
Director of Suborbital and Special Orbital
Projects Directorate and Wallops Flight
Facility

BY: _____
Kim Check
Executive Director