### **Update on LBA-ECO Transition Plan**

Vehicles throughout Regional Offices

- Before: Transfer 4 in September, 7 in November
- Now: Property transfer still pending approval
- LBA-ECO will continue support of 11 vehicles through Dec 31
- Actual property transfer should take place in December 2005 or January 2006

#### Santarem

- Some dates will slide, no impact to final closedown dates
  - o Considerations for delays in LBA C.O.'s new regional office construction
  - o Delay in NASA approval for property transfer
- December: All ECO field and lab support ends; office closes
- March: Complete office restoration, final support with shipping
- April-June: B. Reed remains in Santarem for consultation with the Central Office, Goddard Office, and Science Team
- All Other Transition Activities: On schedule with no problems

#### The LBA-ECO Wiki site is an open communications environment

- Wiki wiki means "quick" in Hawaiian. The shuttle at Honolulu Airport is called the wiki wiki bus, which is where the original Wiki web got its name.
- Wikipedia is the most famously successful wiki, with >800,000 articles in dozens of languages
- scientists anywhere on the Web can meet
- rich Web text, images, and online multimedia are easily shared
- documents and other files can be uploaded and downloaded
- all you need is a Web browser and an internet connection
- Free Software under the GNU/GPL
- Source code is available upon request: see http://twiki.org/download.html.

The LBA-ECO Wiki is an UNUSUAL Web-based collaboration platform for the LBA community- you must have an LBA-ECO website username and password to view or participate. Anyone who has registere for an LBA or LBA-ECO science meeting in the past 3 years already has an account. You'll find a link to the LBA-ECO wiki on the welcome page after you sign into the LBA-ECO website.

- There's no doubt that, to most people, Wiki at first seems almost the opposite of how the Web and online communications "normally" work. Why?
- Wiki operates like a whiteboard for the Web it lets you and all other users write, place pictures and post links, anywhere on any page.
- Not only that, everyone can EDIT anything, anywhere on a page.

- What's more, anyone can create a new webpage, called a "topic", at will
- At first, this may seem "too" open it soon becomes second-nature, allowing you the freedom to edit and update the way you want to.
- Anything you write or edit is "marked" with your user name, so the identity of writers is public knowledge
- This creates a self-enforcing community

Everybody can edit any page, this is scary. Doesn't that lead to chaos?

- Collaborating the Wiki way is different from other collaboration tools. A distinct Wiki culture forms around these tools:
- Any and all information can be deleted by anyone. Wiki pages represent nothing but discussion and consensus because it's much easier to delete flames, spam and trivia than to indulge them. What remains is naturally meaningful.
- Anyone can play. This sounds like a recipe for low quality surely wiki gets hit by the unwashed masses as often as any other site. But to make any sort of impact on wiki you need to be able to generate content. So anyone can play, but only good players have any desire to keep playing.
- Wiki is not WYSIWYG. It's a motivation test of sorts to be able to edit a wiki page. It's not rocket science, but it doesn't appeal to the passive.
- Wiki is far from real time. Folk have time to think, often days or weeks, before they follow up some wiki page. So what people write is well-considered.
- "Supereditors" have ultimate control over contributions (or vandalism)
- The wiki lets you find information fast (WebSearch)
- WebChanges or RSS feeds allow you to easily discover changes to a web you're participating in

Please see me if you would like a wiki web created for your synthesis activity during LBA-ECO phase 3

# LBA-ECO Project Office Update

- Transition Status
- Phase 3 Cooperative Agreements administered from HQ
- Phase 2 Final Reports due to GSFC Project Office
- Phase 3 Experiment Plan starting in January 2006

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