**LARA: Biologically inspired Engineering and Exploration Sys -----Original Message-----From: Linda Mennitt [mailto:felix.com@verizon.net] Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 11:08 PMTo: commentsSubject: fatem Mission concept and components for lunar exploration and exploitation tools.** P.E. Clark1 (Contact Author), S..A. Curtis2, C.Y. Cheung2; M.L. Rilee1, G. Marr2; W. Truszkowski2, Contact address: Pamela Clark, Code 695, NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt, MD 20771, 301-286-7457, Pamela.clark@gsfc.nasa.gov; 1Affiliation: L3 Communications, Government Services, Inc., 3750 Centerview Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151, 2Affiliair tax for all Adverse Tax Consequences for Same-Sex Couples 1.Health Insurance for Partners - A Taxing Proposition: Employees payincome tion: Code 695, NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt, MD 20771.

ANTS (Autonomous Nano Technology Swarm) Architecture is well suited to surface-based forms for use on the Moon or Mars or any relatively low G surface environment, as illustrated by an application called LARA (Lander-Antenna-Rover Arrays). ]. Here, we analyze the nature of components and sequence of behaviors required for spacecraft operational scenarios for an ANTS application in a low gravity surface.

**Introduction**: Basic structural compoand payroll tax on the health insurance premiums their employers provide for domestic partners who do not otherwise qualify as dependents.nents would Benefits for different-sex spouses are not subject to this tax. 2.Flexible Spending Accounts Not So Flexible: Employees can useflexible , as in other applications, be highly modular, addressable arrays of more robust than Zero G carbon NEMS-based nodes, from which highly morphable struts, tethers, 2D mesh, and 3D fabric could be reversibly deployed for various functions. Individual craft would be releasedspending accounts to pay for a different-sex spouse's medical expenses, including eyeglasses, prescriptions, and co-pays, on a pre-tax bas, possibly by a human crew on or near the Moon or from an unmanned facility. Individual craft would be capable of landing on a low G surface, using a miniaturized version of high impulse thruster technology, transforming into rovers, antennas, is. These accounts cannot be used for a same-sex partner, or even a same-sex spouse. 3.Retirement Savings - Death and Taxes: Tax treatmenor more specialized service providers, as needed, and ultimately taking off to return to the point of release.

**Methodology**: Wt of retirementsavings, such as those found in 401(k) plans, privileges spouses and penalizes same-sex couples. This means that on the deae have developed preliminary conceptual and physical models of spacecraft and components and models of the interaction of ANTS at the spacecraft level in order to determine hardware and software requirements for typical operations driven by operating on a low gravity surface to support a human crew.

**Discussion**: As in the other applications of the ANTS architecture, movement would not employ wheels, which work best in a special environment. Instead, the ANTS approach harnesses the effective skeletal/ muscular system of the frame itself to enable more ‘natural’ moveth of a partner, the surviving partner is left not only with the same emotional loss that a different-sex spouse experiences, but also witment, effectively allowih an unfair tax bill. This is problem is made even more acute by the fact that same-sex couples are denied survivors' benefits under Sociang ‘flow’ across a surface or into a particular morphological form. As rovers, craft would be equipped for exploring, prospecting, monitoring, as required. Craft could individually or collectively form cylindrical or bowl shaped arrays to act as antennas, for communication or astronomical observatories. The architecture would also be useful in the construction of tools and structures for human occl Security, even though they pay the same payroll taxes as heterosexual workers. 4.Estate and Gift Taxes - Strangers Under the Law: Diffeupation of permanent bases. ANTS structures, operating contirent-sexspouses get a complete exemption from estate and gift taxes. But same-sex partners, even ones who are married in Massachusetts or nuously or on demand, could be thus used for exploration, reconnaissance, parties to civil unions in Vermont, are treated as strangers under the tax code. So when a partner dies, their estate is subject to taxaticommunication, navigation, transportation, construction, permanent monion. Social Security - Adverse Consequences for Same-Sex Couples 1.Equal Contribution, Unequal Benefits: All GLBT people pay intoSocial Setoring, or observation, protecting human crews and facilitating their work.

**Conclusions:**  The ANTS architecture is a promising approach for supporting human crew activities on the surface of the Moon or Mars as part of the new NASA iniativcurity on an equal basis with their heterosexual counterparts, but are not eligible for equal benefits. 2.No Survivors' Benefits: Same-see.

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