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NASA JSC Co-development and  
Partnering Initiative

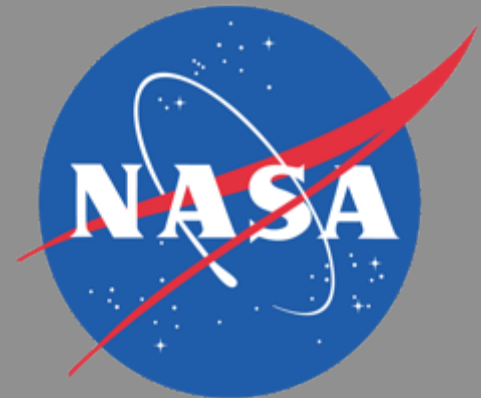






# JOHNSON SPACE CENTER PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE

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# Enabling the JSC of the Future

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Workforce

Cost Sharing

Technology  
Development

JSC's Deputy Center Director:  
"partnerships are critical to JSC's  
survival and enable NASA missions"

Technology  
Transfer

Commercial  
Space

Strategic  
Relationships

# JSC's Highly Successful Co-Development Initiative



- JSC's Co-development (Co-dev.) initiative is one of many tools that JSC's Partnership Development Office (PDO) uses to find strategic partners from industry, academia and other Government Agencies
- The goals of Co-dev partnerships are to advance technologies required for Space Exploration and/or Science
  - > Fill technology gaps
  - > Determine current state of technologies
  - > Avoid cost
  - > Find solutions in others tool boxes
  - > Expedite development time
  - > Share resources (people, facilities, \$\$)

- 26 Co-Dev Announcements released**
- 230+ responses**

- Navigation, EDL and Aero Science
- Energy production, management & storage
- Propulsion
- Robotics and Augmented Reality
- Structures
- Safety and Mission Assurance
- Human Health and Performance

## Responses

39  
31  
17  
50  
16  
17  
30

## Potential Collaborations

3  
14  
4  
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6  
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### **Aluminum Wiring Technology**

**Raytheon:** Collaboration to advance US Industry Standards and Testing Protocol

- Establishing NASA Standard for aluminum wiring could result in significant weight savings for future vehicles.



### **Li-Ion Battery Technology**

**Big Delta Systems:** Innovative technology; spray-on li-ion batteries

- Potential game changing technology
- Battery essentially becomes integral with structure



### **Air-independent Fuel Cells**

**Boeing Huntington Beach:** Makes fuel cells for Navy drones using jet fuel

- Common technologies shared between two different fuel cell designs
- Collaborate with knowledge sharing, peer review and lessons learned



### **Robotics and Simulation Technologies**

**Osterhout Design Group (ODG):** Cutting-edge wearable technology

- Co-development using NASA cutting-edge Augmented Reality capabilities could result in game changing technology



### **Composite Sandwich Habitable Pressurized Structures**

**Natural Process Design Inc.:** Patented Self-repairing, fiber reinforced matrix materials

- Potential game changing technology
- Could result in innovative structure for deep space habitats



# Co-Development Opportunities and Mechanisms

- Co-dev/Partnering opportunities include:
  - Knowledge Sharing/peer review
  - Formation of community-of-practice
  - Reimbursable Work
  - Teaming to mature technology



*Data Sharing &  
Working Together  
To Further the State of the Art*

## Mechanisms Include:

- Binding Agreements: Space Act Agreement (SAA)
  - SAA “authorizes NASA to enter into and perform contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions as may be necessary in the conduct of its work and on such terms as may deem appropriate...”
  - Process takes longer but may be required especially if parties believe Intellectual Property (IP) will be involved
- Non-Binding Agreements:
  - Letter of Intent
  - Protocols
  - Agreements in Principle
  - Technology Plans
  - Program Plans
  - Action Lists
  - Meeting Minutes
  - Working Group Minutes
  - MOUs/MOAs