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NASA funded SwRI to study a potential Pluto orbiter mission, aiming to orbit Pluto for two years and explore more Kuiper Belt objects (KBOs). SwRI, leading the New Horizons mission, revealed Pluto's diverse features. The new mission would use gravity assists from Pluto's moon, Charon, to explore additional KBOs and at least one more dwarf planet. This study supports NASA's next Planetary Science Decadal Survey. New Horizons remains in good health for future missions.