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NASA LAUNCH SERVICES PROGRAM

**NEW FRONTIERS 2016 AO
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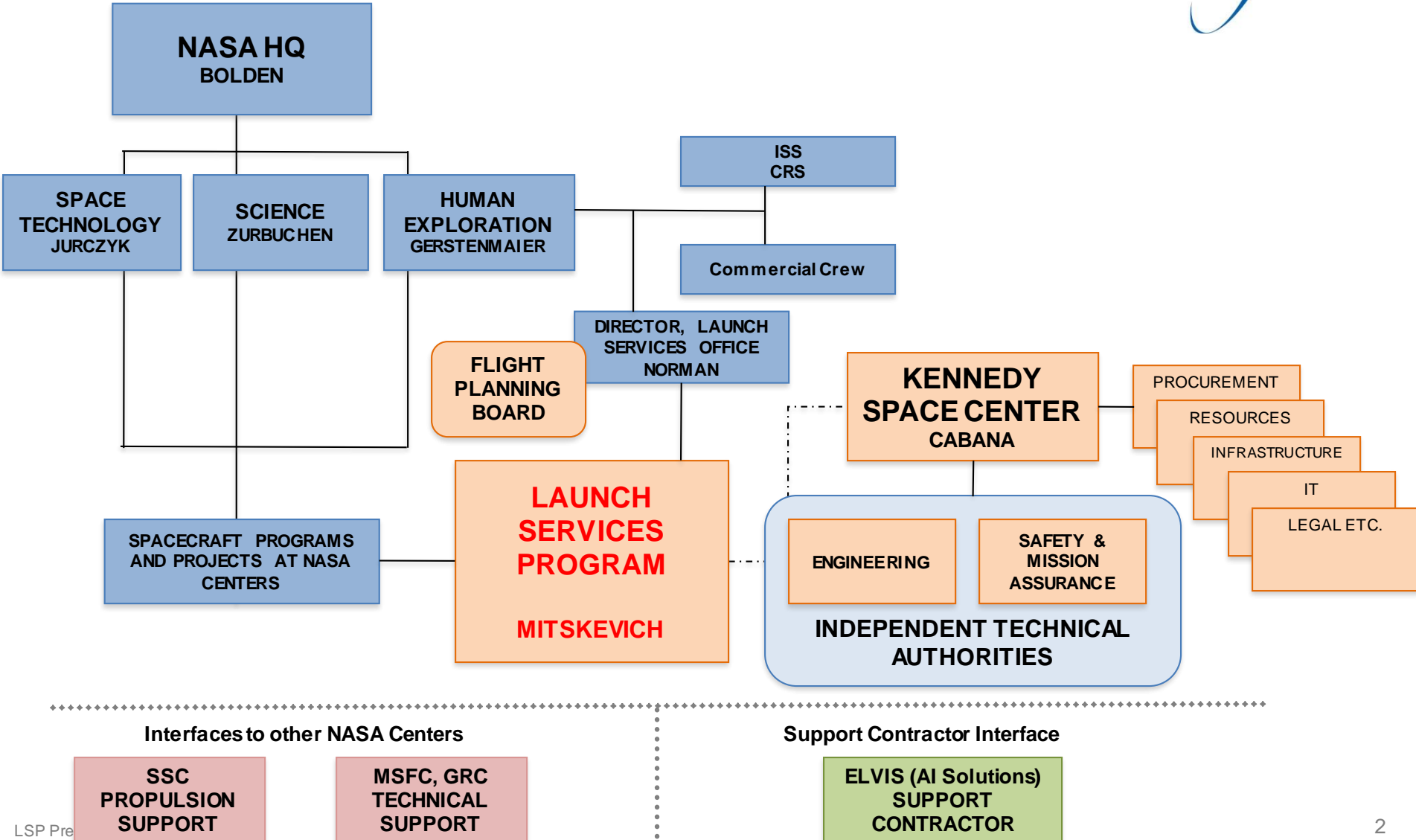


Launch Services Program Relationships (NASA/HEOMD/KSC)

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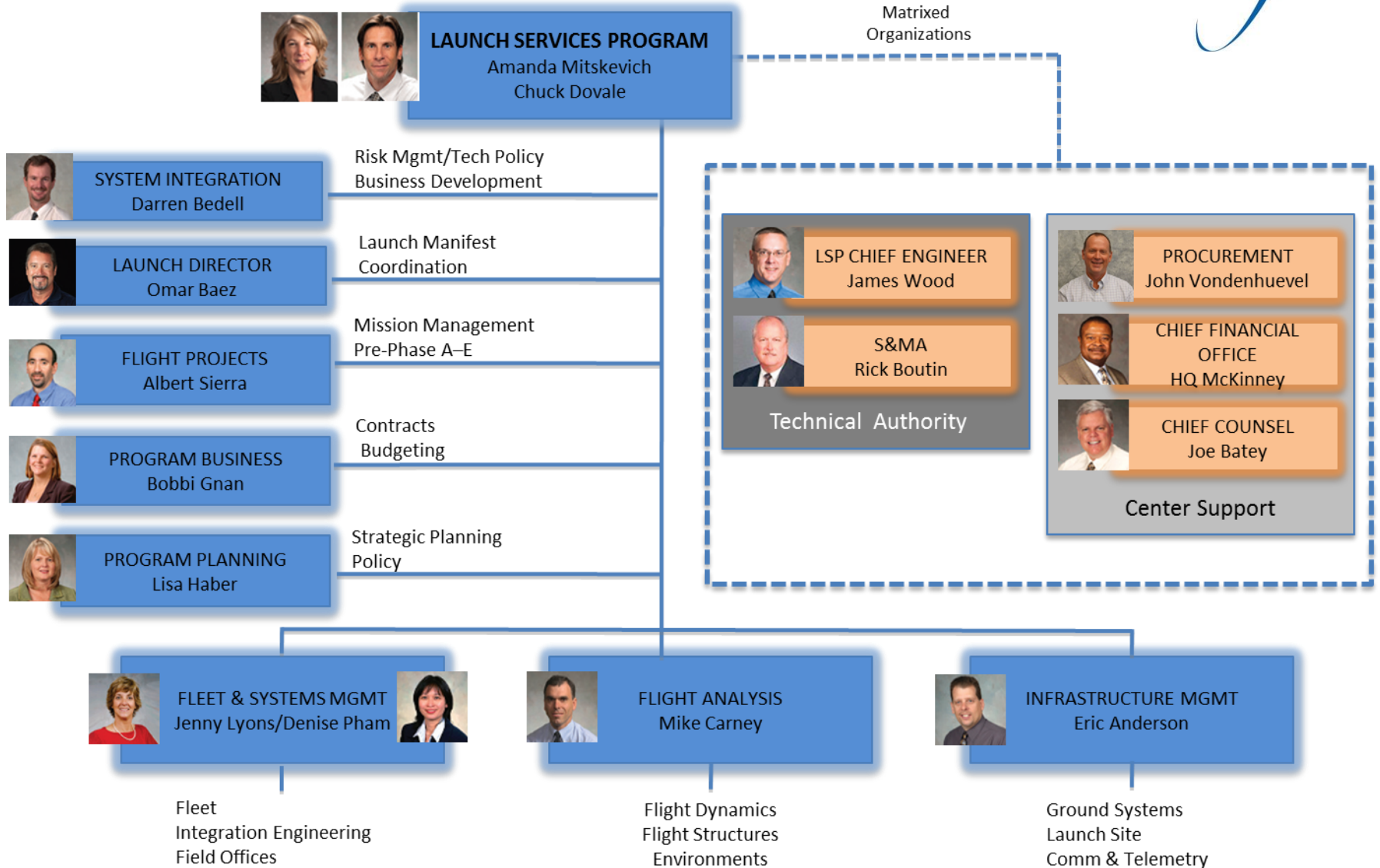
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LSP Organizational Structure

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Launch Services Program



The Launch Services Program (LSP) provides:

- **Procurement and management of the launch service**
- **Technical insight/approval of the launch vehicle (LV) production/test**
 - **Mission Management and engineering support**
 - **Oversight (approval) of mission unique launch vehicle hardware/software development**
- **Launch campaign/countdown management – formal readiness reviews**
- **Risk management for launch service**
- **Downrange telemetry assets for launch vehicle data**



Launch Services Program



NASA Strategic Plan 2014

Strategic Goal 3:
Serve the American public and accomplish our Mission by effectively managing our people, technical capabilities, and infrastructure.



Objective 3.2:
Ensure the availability and continued advancement of strategic, technical, and programmatic capabilities to sustain NASA's Mission



Key Strategy:
Provide access to space

Lead Office: **HEOMD**
Contributing Program: **LSP**

Key Strategy "Provide access to space" citation:

"...certify and procure domestic commercial space transportation services for the launch of robotic science, communication, weather, and other civil sector missions"

"...provide robust, reliable, commercial and cost-effective launch services"

"...assured access to space through a competitive 'mixed Fleet' approach utilizing the breadth of U.S. industry's capabilities"



LSP Strategic Goals 2014

- Goal 1: Maximize Mission Success**
- Goal 2: Assure Long-Term Launch Services**
- Goal 3: Promote Evolution of a U.S. Commercial Space Launch Market**
- Goal 4: Continually Enhance LSP's Core Capabilities**





LSP Functional Structure



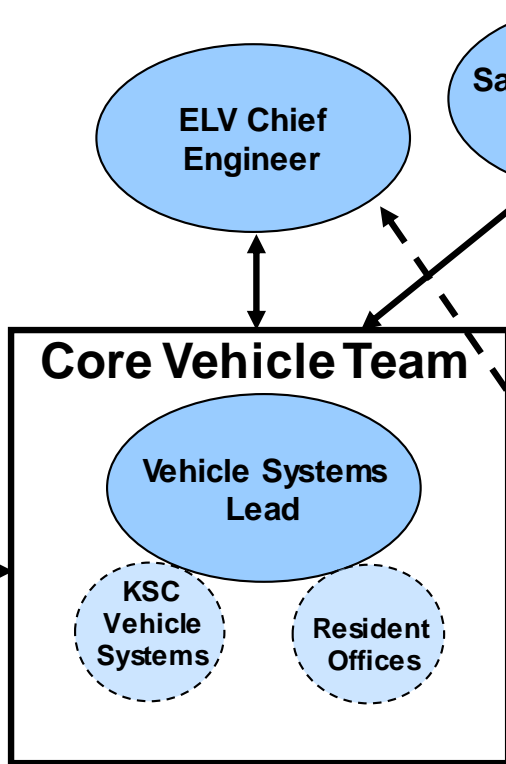
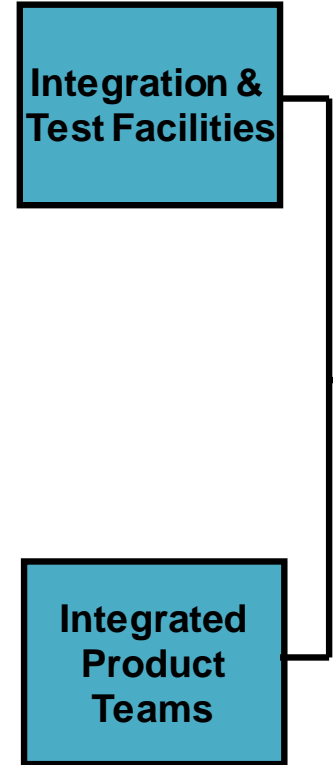
- **LSP procures/provides a Launch Service**
 - Its more than the basic launch vehicle
 - We don't buy a tail number
 - This is a commercial firm fixed price procurement with additional insight and approval
- **To enable this, LSP has two functional sides**
 - **Mission integration**
 - » Mission Integration Team (MIT) assigned to each mission
 - » Manages mission specific procurement, integration, and analysis
 - » Includes launch site integration and processing
 - **Fleet management**
 - » Personnel assigned to each contracted rocket
 - » Includes resident offices within the production facilities of all active providers
 - » We watch the production and performance of entire fleet – we certify the manufacture's production line, not just a particular unit (tail number)
 - » We have a say in any change/upgrade/anomaly
- **LSP maintains the final go or no-go for launch**
- **Interface with Safety and Mission Assurance**
 - **Safety**
 - **Quality**



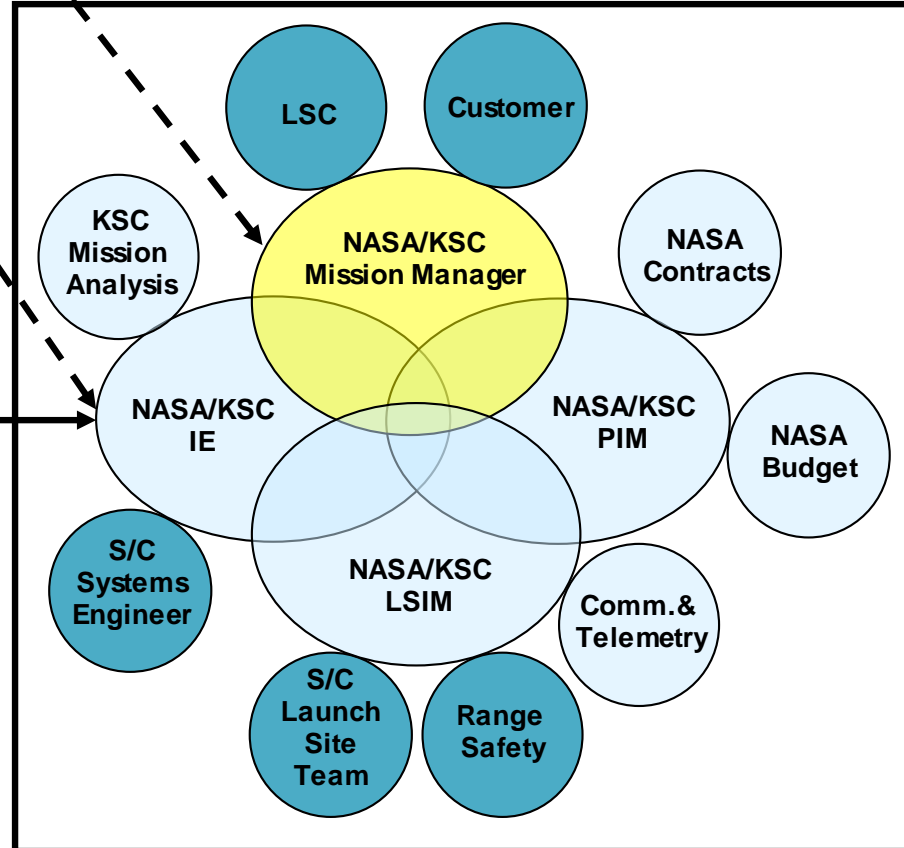
Technical Information flow into the MIT



Core Vehicle Test & Build



Mission Integration





NASA Provided Launch Services



- **The NASA Launch Services (NLS) II Contract is LSP's primary method to acquire all classes of Category 2 and Category 3 commercial launch services for spacecraft (SC) customers**
- **Provides NASA with domestic launch services that are safe, successful, reliable, and affordable**
- **Provides services for both NASA-Owned and NASA-Sponsored payloads through multiple Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Launch Service Task Order (LSTO) contracts with negotiated Not To Exceed (NTE) Prices**
- **Provides services on a Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) basis**
 - **Incorporates best commercial practices to the maximum extent practical**
 - **Includes standard and non-standard services**
 - **Mission unique modifications**
 - **Special studies**
- **Allows LSP to turn on a task assignment or non-standard service at any time for analyses**



NLS II Contracts Overview



- **Launch Services Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-owned and/or NASA-sponsored Payloads/Missions can be found under NPD 8610.7. Document can be found at <http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov>**
 - Risk Category 1: Low complexity and/or low cost payloads-Classified as Class D payloads pursuant to NPR 8705.4
 - Risk Category 2: Moderate complexity and/or moderate cost payloads-Classified as Class C payloads and, in some cases, Class B payloads, pursuant to NPR 8705.4
 - **Risk Category 3: Complex and/or high cost payloads-Classified as Class A payloads and, in some cases, Class B payloads, pursuant to NPR 8705.4**
- **NLS II Launch Service Costs**
 - **Acquisition process begins at approximately L-36 months**
 - **Authority to Proceed (ATP) concurrent with task order award at approximately L-30 months**
 - » **Cumulative payment of 10% due at L-30 (Nominal)**
 - » **Nominal mission integration begins**
 - **Costs not covered by the New Frontiers Program include items such as:**
 - » **Mission unique/non-standard services such as a custom payload adapters, auxiliary propulsion, extreme cleanliness/contamination sensitivities, launch services associated mission utilizing radioactive material (See Attachment 2 of the ELV Launch Services Information Summary document)**
 - » **Payload-caused launch delay costs**



NLS II Contracts Overview



- **Each Provider has their own unique launch delay table**
 - **Delay terms are identical for both parties (contractor/NASA)**
 - **No-fault launch delays**
 - » **Include: range constraints, floods, acts of God, strikes and other conditions**
 - » **No adjustment made to mission price**
 - » **No limit on number of days**
- **For the remaining delay cases grace days are based on sliding scale for both contractor and NASA delays**
 - **150 days of grace at ATP through L-24**
 - **Sliding down to 7 days of grace at L-10 days**



Launch Service Budget

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- **The standard launch service includes:**
 - **Procurement and management (including risk management) of the launch service, technical insight/approval of the launch vehicle production/test and mission unique launch vehicle hardware/software development**
 - **Launch campaign/countdown management – formal readiness reviews**
 - **The launch vehicle, engineering, analysis, and minimum performance standards and services provided by the contract**
 - **Mission integration**
 - **Launch site payload processing facility and support, logistics, hazardous support**
 - **Range support and services, contractor engineering support, base support contracts**
 - **Down range telemetry support (launch vehicle only)**



Launch Service Budget (cont'd)



- **The standard launch service for this AO specifically includes:**
 - **Nominal allocation for non-standard/mission unique launch vehicle modifications/services – items typically necessary to customize the basic vehicle hardware to meet spacecraft driven requirements such as T-0 GN2 purge, ISO 14644-1 Class 7 integration environment and interleaved SC telemetry – mission unique reviews**
 - **Launch vehicle based on a intermediate high performance with a 4-m payload fairing for a no later than Dec 31 2025 launch**
 - **Payload fairing with approximately 2 access doors with thermal and/or acoustic blankets**
 - **Standard LV-provided payload separation system**
 - **Standard payload adapter**
 - **Standard test payload adapter availability**
 - **Spacecraft spin/de-spin capability for separation (if required)**
 - **Single-Spacecraft**
 - **Collision/contamination avoidance maneuver (CCAM) capability if needed**
 - **Electrical interface connectors (approximately 3 sets)**
- **Budget does not include launch delays**



Launch Services Budget (cont'd)



- **Non Standard launch services are NOT covered under the LSP budget and cost must be included in the PI-managed mission cost:**
 - Nuclear launch services utilizing a RHU/MMRTG
 - Enhanced contamination control, planetary protection, operational clean enclosures
 - Cameras on the LV
 - Extended mission integration periods (in excess of 33 months)
 - LV hardware modifications required to accommodate unique payload configuration

- **More capable launch vehicles or larger fairings as shown:**

Performance Class	4m	5m
Low	\$0	\$11M
Intermediate Low	\$0	\$23M
Intermediate High	\$0	\$33M
High	\$22M	\$62M

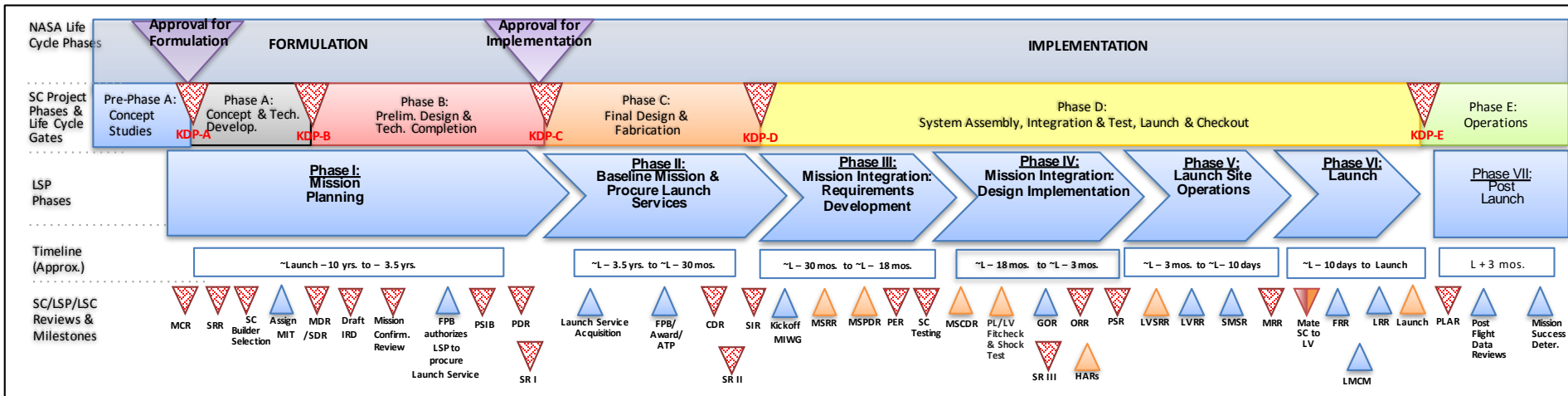


Launch Service Acquisition

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- The acquisition of the launch service will be a domestic expendable launch vehicle procured and managed by the NASA/Launch Services Program (LSP)
- The LSP will competitively select a launch service provider for these missions based on customer requirements and NASA Flight Planning Board (FPB) approval



Spacecraft reviews shown in red.



Available Vehicles Under NLS II



- **Most likely candidate vehicles for the New Frontiers AO that are available on the NLS II contract are**
 - Atlas V
 - Falcon 9
 - Antares 232
- **Assumption of a specific launch vehicle configuration as part of this AO proposal will not guarantee that the proposed LV configuration will be selected for award of a launch service competitive procurement**
- **Bidders must remain compatible with vehicles LSP uses the NLS II contract and not the launch vehicle providers users guides when determining LV configurations and performance**
 - **Proposers are advised to plan for compatibility with all that provide their performance requirements that are expected to be available through spacecraft Preliminary Design Review**
 - **Payload design should accommodate the limiting/enveloping launch characteristics and capabilities included in “ELV Launch Services Program Information Summary” document**



Summary



- **It is the Launch Services Program's goal to ensure the highest practicable probability of mission success while managing the launch service technical capabilities, budget and schedule**
- **Questions must be officially submitted to:**

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Back Up



Available Vehicles under NLS II



- **The Agency policy, NPD 8610.7, “Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-Owned and/or NASA-Sponsored Payloads/Mission”**
 - **Requires one successful launch of vehicle configuration in order to bid for a proposal**
- **Launch Services Program initiates the procurement of a launch service under the NLS II contract via a Launch Services Task Order (LSTO)**



LSTO Process

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- **HQ Flight Planning Board (FPB) notifies LSP of mission requirement**
 - **Launch Services Interface Requirements Document (LSIRD) has already been developed by SC customer & provided to HQ FPB and to LSP (LSP works with SC customer to develop LSIRD)**
- **Launch Services Program Manager notifies procurement officer of requirement and provides recommended technical personnel for LSTO evaluation team**
- **Procurement officer establishes LSTO evaluation team with designated contracting officer and lead tech evaluator**
 - **Note that the team includes up to 2 or 3 reps from the spacecraft project team**
- **LSTO evaluation team performs the following:**
 - **Develop tech requirements based on mission definition**
 - **Assures FAR guidelines are being followed**
 - **Determines and documents LSTO evaluation criteria**
 - **CO issues Request for Launch Services Proposal (RLSP) to multiple award contractors**



LSTO Process

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- **LSTO evaluation team performs the following (cont'd):**
 - **Evaluate contractor proposals in accordance with LSTO procedures**
 - **Complete evaluation and brief to procurement officer, LSP Program Manager, FPB, sponsoring Program/Project on evaluation results**
 - **Verify status of Authority To Proceed (ATP)**
- **Launch Services Program Manager makes selection and coordinates with KSC Contracting Officer (CO)**
- **KSC CO awards LSTO for mission launch service**



Evaluation



- **Launch Service Technical Evaluation:**

- **Overall Assessment:** - Given the ground rules in the AO, is the proposed launch vehicle (LV) concept feasible for this application? (Yes or No)

- **Comments:** _____

- **LV Performance: Area of concern (Yes or No)**

- **Proposed LV configuration:** _____

- **Proposed Launch Date:** _____

- **Launch Period (MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY):** _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____

- **Launch Window (On any given day of the launch period Minutes:Seconds):** _____ : _____ .



Evaluation



- **LV Performance: Area of concern (cont)**

- **Orbit requirements: Apogee: _____ km Perigee: _____ km
Inclination: _____ deg**
- **High Energy requirements: C³: _____ km²/sec² DLA: _____ deg
RLA: _____ deg**
- **Proposed LV Performance: _____**
- **Mass (including reserves) Dry Mass: _____ kg
Wet Mass: _____ kg**
- **Dry Mass Margin: _____ kg _____ %**
- **Wet Mass Margin _____ kg _____ %**
- **Formulas:**
 - **Mass Margin kg = LV Performance – S/C Mass (including reserves)**
 - **Mass Margin % = [(Mass Margin kg) S/C Mass (including reserves)kg] X 100**
- **LV Performance Comments/issues/concerns:**



Evaluation



- **Launch Service Cost Assessment: Area of concern (Yes or No)**
 - Is there additional funding for any mission unique modifications/services? (Yes or No)
- **LV Integration: Area of concern (Yes or No)**
 - Does the proposer have experience in LV integration? (Yes or No)
- **LV to Spacecraft Interface: Area of concern (Yes or No)**
 - Proposed Payload Fairing (PLF) _____
 - Spacecraft (S/C) Dimensions: Radial: _____ m Height _____ m
 - Any intrusions outside of the PLF usable *static* volume? (Yes or No)
 - **Mechanical Interface:**
 - » Standard Adapter: _____ Custom Adaptor: _____
 - **Electrical Interface:**
 - » Standard _____ Pin(s) Connector(s): (Yes or No)



Evaluation



- **LV to Spacecraft Interface: Area of concern (Yes or No)**
- **Mission Unique requirements:**
 - **Instrument T-0 GN₂ Purge: (Yes or No)**
 - **T-0 S/C Battery Cooling: (Yes or No)**
 - **Planetary Protection Requirements: (Yes or No)**
 - **Contamination Control Requirements:**
 - » **PLF: (Yes or No)**
 - » **LV adapter: (Yes or No)**
 - **Cleanliness Level: _____ other: _____**
 - **Unique Facility Requirements: (Yes or No)**
 - » **Pad: _____**
 - » **S/C Processing Facility: _____**
 - **S/C Environmental Test Plans**
 - » **Environmental Test Plan/Flow described: (Yes or No)**
 - » **Test Levels provided: (Yes or No)**
 - » **Test Schedule provided: (Yes or No)**
 - » **Comments/issues/concerns: _____**



Evaluation

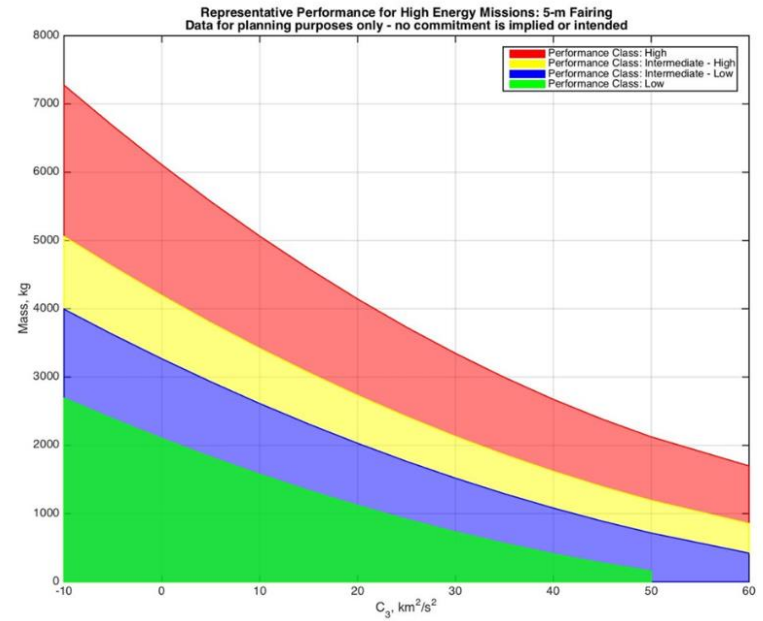
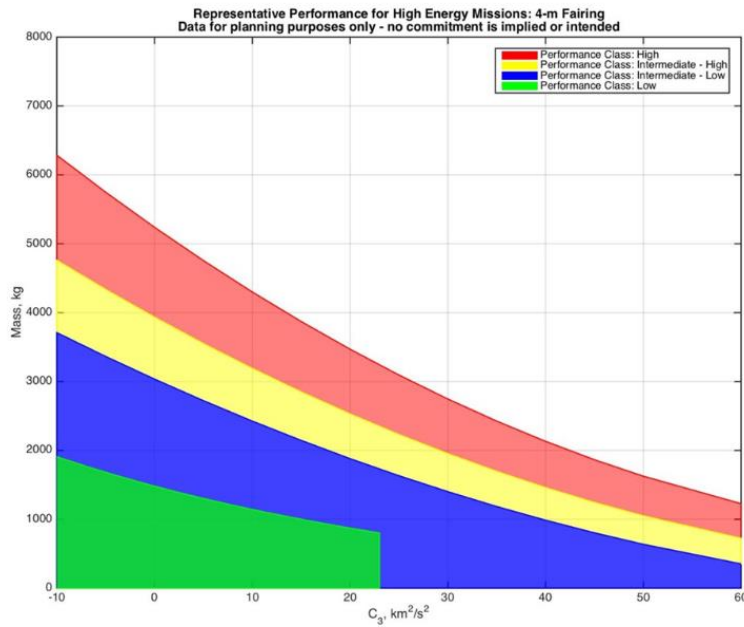


- **Spacecraft Schedule: Area of concern (Yes or No)**
 - **Adequate timing of:**
 - » **Launch Service Integration Start Time: (Yes or No)**
 - » **S/C Environmental Test Program: (Yes or No)**
 - » **Delivery of Verified S/C Model: (Yes or No)**
 - » **S/C ship date: (Yes or No)**
 - » **S/C to LV integrated Operations: (Yes or No)**
- **Missions with Radiological material Area of concern (Yes or No)**
 - **List the Radiological Sources:**

 - **Are unique facilities required to store/process the Radiological Sources? (Yes or No)**
 - **Any LV modifications required for additional safety or Launch approval? (Yes or No)**



Launch Services Characteristics/Capabilities

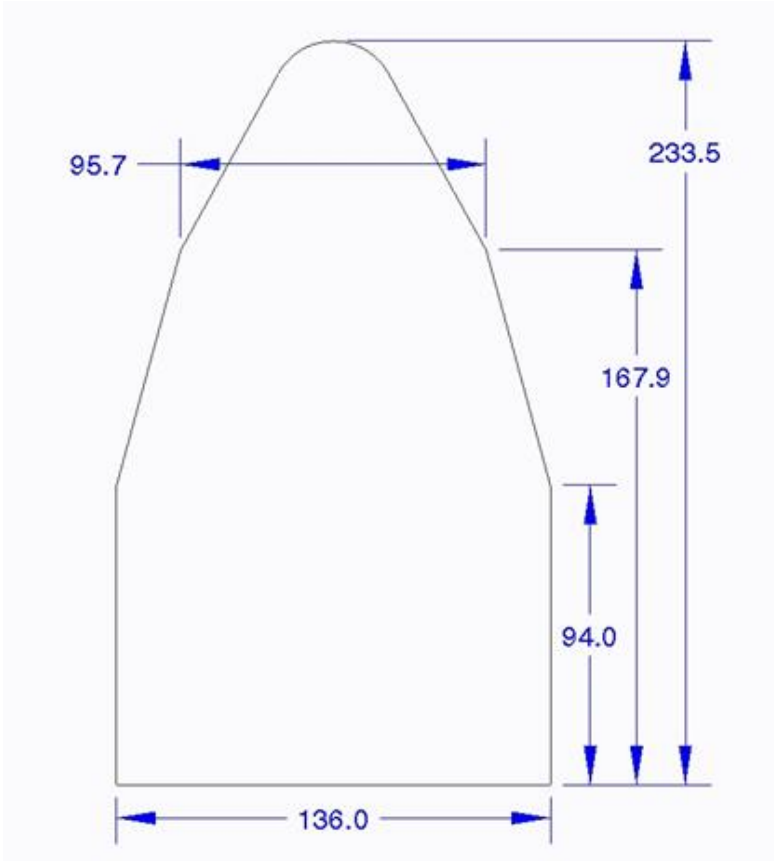


Appropriate fairing must be used for each performance class

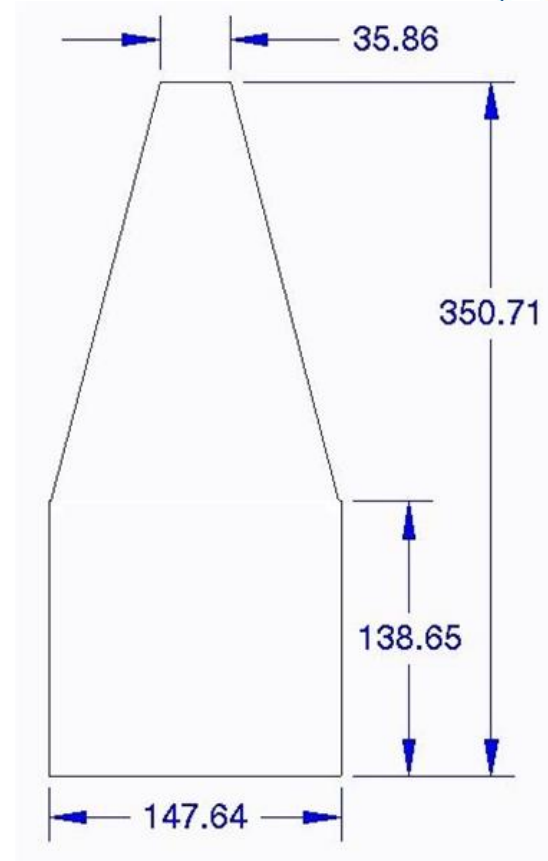


Payload Fairings (not to scale)

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4m Static Payload Fairing Envelope (Use with Low Performance Class)



4m Static Payload Fairing Envelope (use with Intermediate-Low, Intermediate-High and High Performance Class)