

## Space Strategy Forum at Rice University

### Purpose and Outcomes

#### *Forum Purpose:*

To begin a dialogue between interested parties in academia, industry and government exploring future joint partnerships with NASA JSC in related science, engineering, technology and education.

#### *Forum focus:*

Fostering partnerships between academia, industry, NASA

Existing ideas: where do we have the impetus, expertise, purpose?

Implementation: how do we make these ideas work?

#### *Forum Outcomes:*

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Rice-NASA collaboration, Rice University will be hosting a workshop to discuss innovative ideas and partnerships between the academia, industry and federal sectors involved in space technology and exploration.

The Forum on July 1<sup>st</sup> is designed to be an introductory discussion that would bring the relevant parties together to start the discussion and prepare for a more rigorous set of interactions at the Fall workshop, currently scheduled for Friday, September 9.

To facilitate this we would like to encourage all forum participants to prepare a half-page summary of their ideas and suggestions for how to foster these partnerships, where to focus our efforts, where our collective expertise can be best harnessed, and what they think the next steps should be. These ideas will provide the starting point for future discussions and, in some cases, the development of white papers for discussion at the Fall workshop. Please send any contributions in advance to Emalie Thok ([emalie.vann@rice.edu](mailto:emalie.vann@rice.edu)) or bring them to the Forum.

FYI, the Fall workshop is currently in the planning stages but is expected to consist of four working groups (tentative titles):

*Education: Preparing tomorrow's workforce*

*Technology: Research and Development*

*Business/Management: Diversifying the endeavor*

*Space Medicine: Human factors in space exploration*

More information on this will be distributed at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Forum.