

Space City 2020

SPACE STRATEGY WORKSHOP

BioScience Research Collaborative

Friday September 9, 2011

Workshop Description

This workshop is designed to follow on from the discussions started at the Space Strategy Forum held at Rice University on July 1, 2011. The basic theme is to generate ideas and partnerships among the local academic, commercial, and government entities to promote space technology and exploration. The Greater Houston area, and the southeast region of Texas, contains a wealth of talent, a strong core, and a huge knowledge base in a number of complementary science, engineering and technology fields. The Space Strategy Workshop is designed to bring this talent together to foster the opportunity for joint activity, to share ideas for cooperation, and to identify prospects for job creation and funding.

The workshop will be centered around FOUR main themes, viz.,

Working Group 1: Policy and Advocacy: Paving the way

Working Group 2: Education and Research: Partnering for today, preparing for tomorrow

Working Group 3: Translation and Commercialization: Diversifying the endeavor

Working Group 4: Space Medicine: Human factors in space exploration

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 the discussions and, in some cases, the development of white papers.

Please submit comments and ideas via the spaceforum.rice.edu blog page