



NASA Budget – Florida Priorities Talking Points

Background Information

- NASA Kennedy Space Center will play a key role in Florida's economic recovery
- Multiple parts of NASA's diverse mission contribute to Florida's economic development and job creation
- The most integral parts of NASA's mission to Florida's economy are...

Space Launch System (SLS)

- Currently funded at \$1.86 billion
 - Above President's budget request level
- Fund the near-term development of NASA's SLS, including related modifications to the Shuttle facilities that will be needed for the new launch system
- While critical to Florida's future for space exploration the significant job creation won't occur for approximately five years

Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV)

- Currently funded at \$1.2 billion
 - Above President's budget request level
- Assembled in Florida
- Testing is already in progress and it seems that no matter what vehicle is chosen the MPCV will be critical to sending humans beyond earth orbit, wherever we go

Commercial Crew and Cargo

- Currently funded at \$406 billion
 - Less than half of President's budget request
- Commercial space companies include Space-X, Boeing, Sierra Nevada and others is critical to help bridge the job and economic gap in Florida. *This is where Florida stands to benefit the most.*
- NASA would prefer to use U.S. commercial space transportation providers, both to ensure domestic sources and to expend taxpayer dollars domestically
- *Not funding commercial crew and cargo extends reliance on, and payments to, Russia.*

21st Century Launch Complex Upgrades

- Currently funded at \$168 million
- Space Florida requests that these funds be used not only for SLS but for other NASA missions including commercial crew and cargo
- Building up the U.S. commercial space infrastructure is of great importance to the United States on economic, national security, and technological fronts
- Achieving this long-term objective will require development of commercial space infrastructure to encourage the growth of a competitive market that will help to both reduce launch costs and provide the government with access to new capabilities

Requested Congressional Action

- Space Florida requests Congress continue to fund these items critical to Florida's space future and growth

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