



2014 NASA Budget: Florida Priorities Talking Points

Background Information

- NASA operations play a significant role in Florida's continuing economic recovery
- The President's 2014 NASA budget request continues to position Florida as a key aerospace state
- Funding for research, development, and operations provides the opportunity for creation of STEM jobs
- The NASA projects most important to Florida include:

Commercial Crew Development

- 2014 budget request is \$821 million, up from \$406 million in 2012
 - **Space Florida requests Congress fund at the President's Budget Request level**
- Currently human spaceflight to the International Space Station is accomplished with Russian Soyuz spacecraft
 - Successful development of Commercial Crew will allow private American companies including Boeing, SpaceX, and Sierra Nevada to reclaim the manned spaceflight mission
 - These companies would launch from Kennedy Space Center, bringing STEM jobs to Florida and reemploy some of the Shuttle workforce

ISS Crew and Cargo Transportation

- 2014 budget request is \$1.5 billion
 - **Space Florida requests Congress to fund at the President's Budget Request level**
- Includes actual operational costs of transport to and from the ISS, not research and development
 - SpaceX is currently delivering cargo to ISS and doing so from Florida
- Includes funding for Commercial Crew and Cargo missions
 - Benefiting companies include SpaceX and Orbital Sciences

21st Century Launch Complex

- 2014 budget request is \$40 million
 - Significant drop from \$130 million currently funded
- Funding spent on infrastructure improvements to the Kennedy Space Center
 - Transitions KSC from legacy systems like the Space Shuttle to new systems, including private operators

Orion Multi-purpose Crew Vehicle

- 2014 budget request is \$1.03 billion, a roughly \$175 million drop from current funding
- Orion will be the vehicle that takes mankind beyond Earth orbit
- Will be assembled in Florida because of a previous appropriation by the state
- Preliminary testing underway