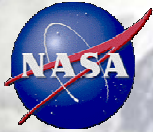




# **NASA Presidential Transition Status**

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# Presidential Transition Background

- ◆ The Presidential election on November 4, 2008 will bring about a change in Executive Branch administrations.
- ◆ From November 5, 2008 through January 20, 2009, Transition Teams will be assigned to all Executive Branch Agencies including NASA.
- ◆ NASA is gathering and developing a significant amount of information to support the Transition Team's activities.
  - Prior to the election, background material will need to be prepared.
    - Transition Library – basically a shelf of existing documents, reports, policies, and plans. It serves as a reference library for the Transition Team.
    - Transition Binder – consists of material produced specifically for the Transition Team. It contains more current and concise information than that of the Library.
    - Strategic Issues Book – contains a description of the long-term, strategic issues facing NASA.
  - Subsequent to the election, NASA will need to support the new administration's Transition Team and respond to their requests for additional information and analyses.



# Transition Library Content

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## ◆ **NASA Statutory Charter and U.S. Space Policies**

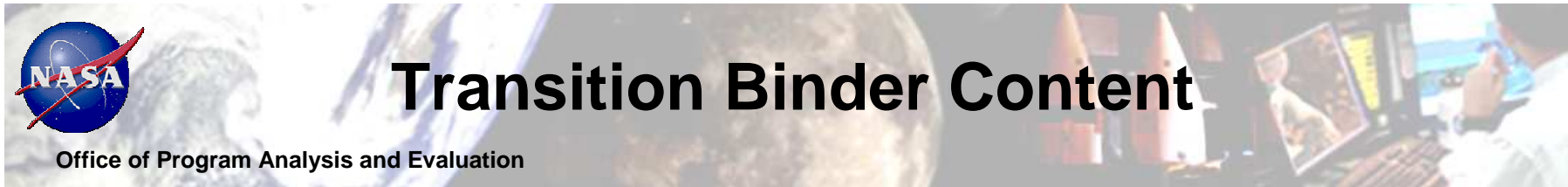
- NASA Space Act and Amendments
- NASA Authorization Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-155)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161)
- U.S. National Space Policy, August 31, 2006
- U.S. National Space Exploration Policy, January 2004
- U.S. Space Transportation Policy, January 6, 2005
- U.S. Space-Based Position, Navigation, and Timing Policy, December 15, 2004
- U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy, April 15, 2003
- A Renewed Spirit of Discovery: The President's Vision for U.S. Space Exploration, January 2004
- National Aeronautics Research and Development Policy, December 2006

## ◆ **NASA Reports**

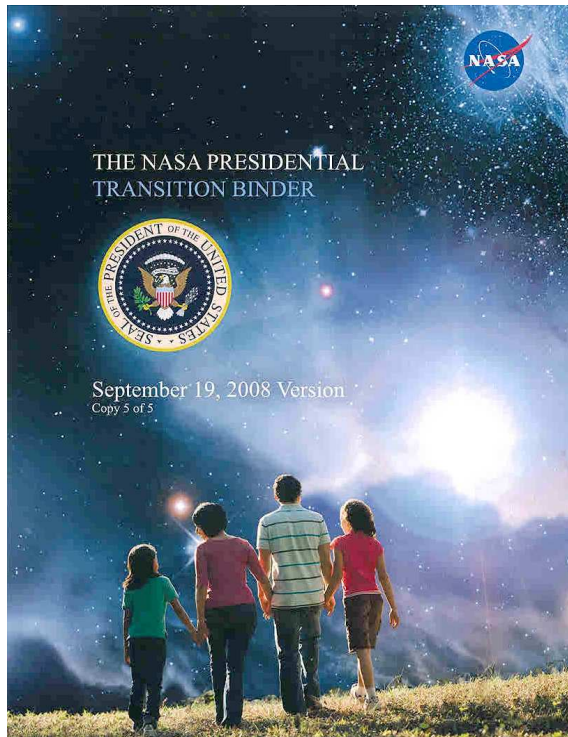
- NASA Strategic Plan (NPD 1001.0), 2006
- Strategic Management and Governance Handbook (NPD 1000.0), August 2005
- The NASA Organization (NPD 1000.3C), April 2, 2008
- FY09 Budget Estimate, February 2008
- Performance and Accountability Report
- Exploration Systems Architecture Study, November 2005
- Report to Congress on Near Earth Objects, March 2007
- International Space Station National Laboratory Report, June 25, 2007
- Workforce Transition Strategy Report, April 1, 2008
- The Global Exploration Strategy: The Framework for Coordination, May 2007
- NASA's Implementation Plan for Space Shuttle Return to Flight and Beyond
- NASA Commercialization Plan, August 2006

## ◆ **Non-NASA Major Reports**

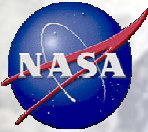
- Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report, August 2003
- Report of the President's Commission on Implementation of United States Space Exploration Policy (Aldridge Committee Report), June 2004
- NASA Advisory Council Reports
- National Academies Reports
- Space Studies Board Reports
- Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel documents



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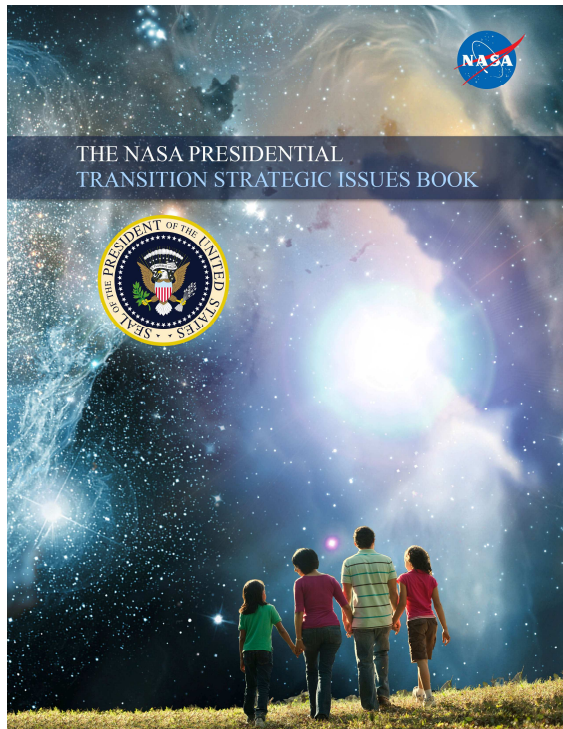


Section	Section Lead
1. Summary of NASA Space Act and other Pertinent Policy and Legislation	Rod Liesveld
2. NASA Strategic Plan Summary	Cynthia Lodge
3. Governance Model	Trish Pengra
4. NASA Organization and Roles	
a. NASA Senior Management Org Chart	Rod Liesveld
b. Office of the Administrator	Rod Liesveld
c. Inspector General	Rod Liesveld
d. Administrator's Staff Offices	Kelly Carter
e. Mission Directorates	Kelly Carter
f. Mission Support Offices	Kelly Carter
g. Field Centers	Kelly Carter
5. Budget History and Overview	Jo Gunderson
6. Agency Mission Planning Model (AMPM)	Judee Robey
7. Major Programs/Projects	Moreland/Barbiere
8. Mishap Investigations/Contingency Plans	Rod Liesveld
9. Workforce	Howard Ross
10. NASA Interaction with the Executive Office of the President	
a. OMB	Rod Liesveld
b. OSTP	Rod Liesveld
c. NSC	Rod Liesveld
11. Congressional Committees and General Accountability Office	Rod Liesveld
12. Interaction with Federal Departments and Agencies	Rod Liesveld
13. Interaction with Foreign Entities	Rod Liesveld
14. How NASA's Work is Done: In-House, Industry, Academia	Nancy Searby
15. Advisory Group Organizations, Members, and Recent Recommendations	Judee Robey
16. Selected Office of the Administrator Speeches	Rod Liesveld
17. Six-Month Timeline of Major Milestones and Events (Nov. 2008 to Apr. 2009)	

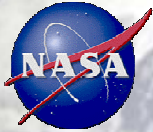


# Strategic Issues Book Content

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Section	Section Lead
<b>Programmatic</b>	
1. Budget Projections and Programmatic Content	Cynthia Lodge
2. Shuttle Retirement and Transition to Constellation	Rob Moreland
3. The Gap in U.S. Human Spaceflight Capability	Rob Moreland
4. International Space Station Lifetime and National Laboratory	Rob Moreland
5. Science Mission Portfolio	Phil McAlister
6. Earth Science Content	Phil McAlister
7. The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS)	Rob Moreland
8. Constellation Plans, Schedules, and Rationales	Rob Moreland
9. SCaN Architecture	Rob Moreland
10. NASA's Aeronautics Research Workforce Shortage	Phil McAlister
11. National Aviation Operational Monitoring Service (NAOMS)	Phil McAlister
<b>Institutional</b>	
12. Current Workforce	Howard Ross
13. Strategic Workforce Planning	Howard Ross
14. Mission Support Office Funding and Functions	Kelly Carter
15. IT/Cybersecurity	Kelly Carter
16. Facilities and Infrastructure Requirements and Maintenance	Kelly Carter
17. Financial Audit Opinion	Jo Gunderson
18. IEMP Implementation	Kelly Carter
19. Agency Performance	Julie Pollitt
<b>External</b>	
20. International Cooperation	Rod Liesveld
21. Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (INKSNA)	Rod Liesveld
22. Export Controls	Rod Liesveld
23. NASA Commercialization Strategy	Phil McAlister
24. Commercial Crew/Cargo Program (including COTS and the ISS Commercial Resupply Services contract)	Phil McAlister
25. Availability of Plutonium-238	Louis Barbieri
26. U.S. Launch Vehicle Industry	Phil McAlister



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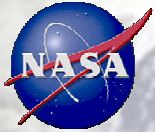
# Transition Product Schedule

## Transition Binder

- ◆ Initial draft of Sections due – Aug. 1.
- ◆ Comments to Section Leads – Aug. 15.
- ◆ Revised draft of Sections due – Aug. 29.
- ◆ First Draft of Transition Binder to A-suite – Sep. 12.
- ◆ Comments from A-suite – Sep. 19.
- ◆ Second Draft to SMC Members – Sep. 26.
- ◆ Comments from SMC Members – Oct. 3.
- ◆ Final Draft to A-suite – Oct. 17.
- ◆ Comments from A-suite – Oct. 24.
- ◆ Transition Binder ready – Nov. 5.

## Strategic Issues Book

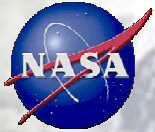
- ◆ Initial draft of Issues due – Aug. 22.
- ◆ Comments to Issue Leads – Sep. 5.
- ◆ Revised draft of Issues due – Sep. 19.
- ◆ First Draft of Strategic Issues Book to A-suite – Oct. 3.
- ◆ Comments from A-suite – Oct. 10.
- ◆ Second Draft to SMC Members – Oct. 15.
- ◆ Comments from SMC Members – Oct. 22.
- ◆ Final Draft to A-suite – Oct. 31.
- ◆ Comments from A-suite – Nov. 5.
- ◆ Strategic Issues Book ready – Nov. 12.



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## Process for SMC Member Edits

- ◆ The Transition Binder will be ready for review by the SMC members by 3pm (eastern) on Friday, September 26.
- ◆ Instructions for editing the Transition Binder are located in the “2008\_09\_24\_SMC” folder under “Presidential Transition Binder.” Hard copies are also available today.
- ◆ The file will be extremely large. Make sure you have a high-speed connection for downloading the original document and for uploading your edited version.
- ◆ All changes are required to be posted to NX by COB Friday, October 3.



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# Post Election Activity

- ◆ The Transition Team will probably contact the NASA Chief of Staff to initiate the transition process. The Chief of Staff should be the primary interface to the Transition Team throughout the transition process.
- ◆ Physical space will be provided in the NASA HQ building for the members of the Transition Team.
- ◆ A NASA Transition Support Group will be established to collect and develop the information requested by the Transition Team members.
- ◆ P. McAlister will lead the NASA Transition Support Group. Other members will be identified prior to the election.
- ◆ The NASA Transition Support Group will be responsible for responding rapidly, completely, and objectively to all Transition Team requests and will not advocate any particular course of action.
- ◆ The transition is a unique and temporary situation. The new administration is not in power until January 20. Thus, we should not expect any new direction or guidance during the transition.