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NASA Seeks Proposals for Lunar Science Research



NASA is looking for the right stuff to further scientific knowledge about the moon.

NASA's Science Mission Directorate, in cooperation with the agency's Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, recently issued

a Cooperative Agreement Notice seeking research projects for the NASA Lunar Science Institute. The institute is located at NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif. Under the terms of the Cooperative Agreement Notice, proposals must include an innovative, interdisciplinary lunar research program that aligns with the institutes goals and objectives.

Proposals may address science of the moon, on the moon and from the moon, including objectives that meet NASA's future lunar exploration needs. NASA expects to make \$8 million to \$10 million available for the research, and anticipates making five to seven awards, including one focused on exploration objectives.

Participation is open to all categories of organizations, both domestic and foreign, including industry, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and federally funded research and development centers. NASA field centers and other government agencies also are eligible to submit proposals.

"The institute will support team science, bringing a multidisciplinary approach to lunar research," said David Morrison, interim director of the institute. "Our goals are to strengthen the community of lunar scientists and encourage students to enter this field."

The NASA Lunar Science Institute is modeled after the NASA Astrobiology Institute, with teams across the nation working together to help lead the agency's lunar research activities. Selected teams also will include programs in education and public outreach to strengthen public understanding of science.

Notices of intent are due June 27, 2008. Proposals are due Aug. 29, 2008. The Cooperative Agreement Notice is available on the Web. To read the notice, visit:

<http://nspires.nasaprs.com>

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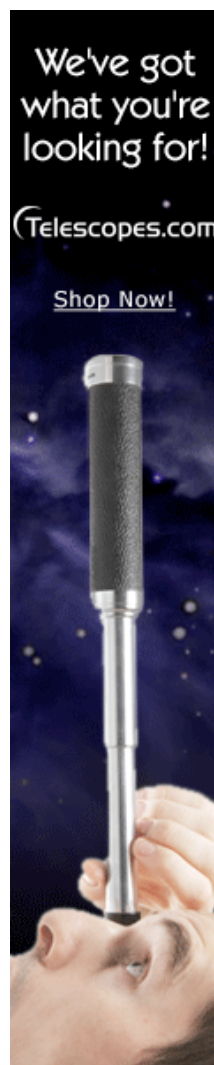
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