## IN 2024, NASA WILL BE BREAKING BARRIERS, SHATTERING LIMITS, AND MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.



# FOR ALL HUMANITY EXPLORING THE COSMOS WITH SMALL BUSINESS

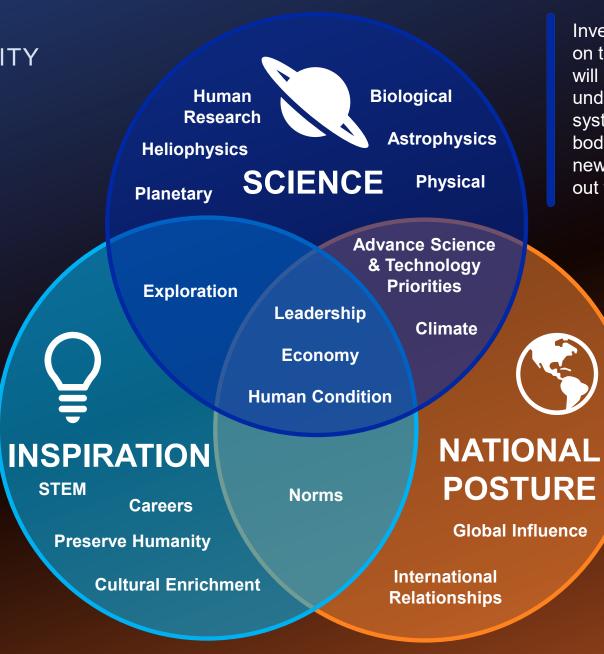
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#### WHY GO? BENEFITS TO HUMANITY

Accepting audacious challenges and succeeding through perseverance and tenacity in the face of adversity motivates current and future generations to dare mighty things.



Investigations in deep space, on the Moon, and on Mars will enhance our understanding of the solar system, Earth, the human body, and how to perform new operations while we are out there exploring.

> What we choose to do, how we do those things, and who we do them with greatly impacts our place in the world today, our quality of life, and our possibilities for the future.

## SMALL BUSINESS

**CRITICAL TO AEROSPACE'S** LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Small businesses inject vitality into NASA's mission, adept at swiftly adapting to and embracing cutting-edge technologies. They contribute to the resiliency of the aerospace industry, establishing a distributed network of capabilities.

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#### **EXCEEDING OUR GOALS** MAINTAINING AN 'A' FOR INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESS



SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT SCORECARD SIX YEARS IN A ROW

#### GOING TO THE MOON UNDER ARTEMIS SMALL BUSINESSES ENABLE OUR NEXT GIANT LEAP

BUILDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SEND HUMANS TO THE MOON ARTEMIS LAUNCH CONTROL

#### **IMPROVING HOW WE FLY** SMALL BUSINESSES ENABLE CRITICAL AERONAUTICS RESEARCH



### ANYONE CAN BE AN INNOVATION CHAMPION IDEATING ON NEW ACQUISITION TECHNIQUES TO BENEFIT NASA



# AVENUES FOR SUPPORT

NASA's Offices of Procurement and Small Business Programs place heavy importance on cultivating small businesses through variety of activities.

SIGNING A MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ AGREEMENT





#### **PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Partnerships and grants, funded or un-funded, help NASA complete its mission objectives, resolve technical gaps, and support economic innovation. These mechanisms can fuel critical research and projects.

#### MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

The Mentor-Protégé Program fosters long-term business relationships between small businesses and NASA prime contractors, and increasing the overall number of small businesses that receive NASA contract and subcontract awards.

#### AND SO MUCH MORE...

The NASA Office of Small Business Programs strategically develops outreach and training opportunities for the small business community, as well as maintaining digital platforms, including its website, the NASA Vendor database, a mobile app, social media, and more.





# EXPLORING THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL

