

**SCHEDULE FOR IN-STATE REVIEW OF 2008 NASA EPSCoR
RESEARCH PROPOSALS
(Revised December 11, 2007)**

December 17, 2007 (expected) – FY 2008 NASA EPSCoR Research Announcement. Until then, please download the draft announcement at www.msgc.org/grants.

December 12, 2008 – Conference call with representatives from the Maine Space Grant Consortium and the Office of Innovation to discuss the pending announcement and provide guidance and answer questions.

January 4, 2008 – Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due at the Maine Space Grant Consortium by 5 p.m. E-mail LOIs to Dr. Terry Shehata at terry.shehata@msgc.org. The information provided in this notice will be used to (a) assess alignment with NASA's research interests and (b) determine the expertise required of merit reviewers. The LOI must include:

1. Name, title, mail and e-mail addresses, and telephone number of the applicant.
2. Title of the planned research.
3. Summary of the project. Provide sufficient information to allow determination of discipline and subdisciplines. Summary must also indicate which NASA Mission Directorate and NASA research center the proposed research topic falls under.
4. Name, title, mail, and e-mail addresses of five (5) out-of-state merit reviewers. The reviewers must not be associated with or have any involvement in the development of your proposal or in the execution of the project, if funded by NASA EPSCoR.

February 13th, 2008 – Electronic proposals in pdf format are due at the Maine Space Grant Consortium by 5 p.m. E-mail proposals to Dr. Terry Shehata at terry.shehata@msgc.org.

February 29th, 2008 – Joint Meeting of the Maine NASA EPSCoR Technical Advisory Committee and the Maine State EPSCoR Committee to consider merit reviews, applicants' presentations and select the top two meritorious proposals.

February 29th, 2008 – Applicants of the two selected proposals are notified immediately after the TAC/State EPSCoR Committee meeting.

No later than March 7th, 2008 – Co-PIs, Undergraduate Students, Graduate Students, and Collaborators in the two selected proposals must register in NASA NSPIRES at <http://nspires.nasaprs.com>.

NOTE: NSPIRES will not allow anyone to register unless their institution is registered. This applies to faculty, students and collaborators. If your institution is not registered please contact your sponsor program office and request they register in NSPIRES as soon as possible. Institutional registration may take a week for approval by NSPIRES and is a one-time process if you decide to submit proposals directly to NASA. Please make sure your co-PIs and collaborators do likewise if they are from another institution. Please do so as soon as you commit to writing the proposal in response to this announcement. Do not wait for the in-state selection process.

March 7, 2008 – Revised proposals are due at the Maine Space Grant Consortium.

March 14th, 2008 - The Maine Space Grant Consortium will submit the two proposals electronically via NASA's NSPIRES.

May or June 2008 (expected) - Awards announced

June 15, 2008 (expected) – Anticipated start date (pending release of NASA EPSCoR funds).