Notice of Intent to release a draft Cooperative Agreement Notice for NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Science Education

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate (SMD) intends to release a draft Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) soliciting team-based proposals for science education. We anticipate that the draft will be downloadable by the end of the month from the NSPIRES web page at http://tinyurl.com/npm4tzy or by going to https://nspires.nasaprs.com/ by selecting Solicitations and searching for Science Education. Comments on this draft text are due to the point of contact below no later than 30 days after release of the draft text. It is anticipated that the final CAN will be issued early in calendar year 2015. See the anticipated schedule at the bottom of this announcement.

The goal of the NASA SMD Science Education CAN is to meet the following NASA SMD Science Education Objectives: Enabling STEM education, improving U.S. science literacy; advancing National education goals; and leveraging science education through partnerships. NASA intends to select one or more focused, science discipline-based team(s). While it is envisioned that multiple agreements may be awarded, selection of a single award to support all of SMD science education requirements is not precluded. Awards are anticipated by September 30, 2015.

Neither the issuance of this Announcement nor the draft CAN obligates NASA to issue the final CAN or solicit proposals. Issuance of the CAN is dependent on programmatic factors, including NASA receiving an appropriation and an operating plan containing adequate funding within the NASA Science Mission Directorate budget. Any costs incurred by prospective submitters in response to this Announcement or the draft CAN are incurred completely at the submitter's own risk. The final CAN may contain provisions that differ from the draft CAN, in which case those provisions in the final CAN would take precedence.

All comments and questions should be directed, as shown below, by the due date above. Comments are to be submitted by E-mail using the character string "Science Education CAN" (without quotes) in the subject line of all transmissions. The identity of those submitting comments will be held in confidence. Answers to questions about this Announcement and draft CAN will be posted on the NSPIRES website for this CAN under other documents.

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The anticipated NASA SMD Science Education CAN schedule follows:

Draft CAN Release Date (target) .................................................... October 2014
Final CAN Release Date (target) ........................................ NET December 2014
Preproposal Conference............................................................... ~2 weeks after Final CAN release
Notice of Intent to Propose Deadline ....................................... 30 days after final CAN release
Electronic Proposal Submittal Deadline at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time ..................................................... 90 days after final CAN release
Selections Announced (target) ...................................................... Summer 2015
Projects Begin (target) ............................................................... October 1, 2015