

The Boston Herald reports that NASA is not a priority for most of the presidential candidates.

The Huntsville Space Professionals 2012 events, on the other hand, focus on making Huntsville and employed and unemployed space professionals our number one priority!



We receive emails weekly from individuals asking for help in finding employment with one of the large prime space contractors, a commercial space company, or any company that is hiring in Huntsville, AL. A common theme in those messages goes like this, “I have more than 20 years of NASA experience and I just don’t understand why no one returns my emails?.” Others reflect frustration, such as, “As soon as I walk in the door, the HR manager sees my gray hair and automatically thinks to himself, “Looks like about \$120K/year kind of employee. There is no way we can even come near his usual salary.”

The sad reality is that the enormous layoffs that impacted the Constellation and Space Shuttle workforce will be with us for some time to come. We are hearing that even with the funding for the Space Launch System the number of individuals who will be employed as contractors locally will be far less than the 2000+ contractors who were working on the Constellation and Space Shuttle programs in Huntsville.

To make Huntsville and those who continue to advance the space frontier a priority, HSP will focus on the following events in 2012 to help preserve and promote Huntsville’s talented space professionals. And not just for the professionals themselves, but for their family and friends, as well.

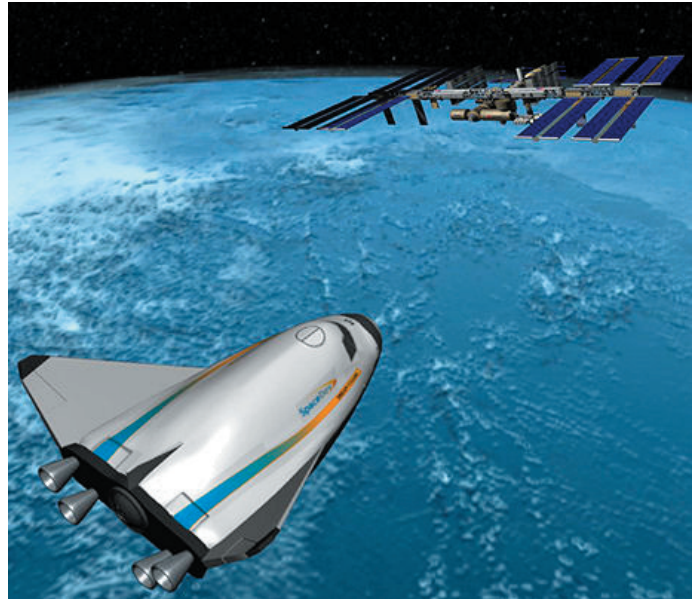
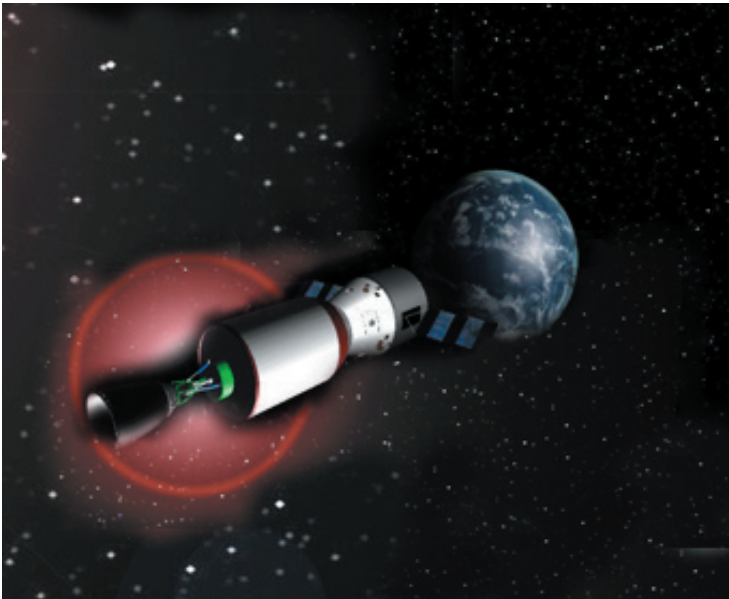
Even though NASA has seemingly fallen off the radar screen among those who are desperately working to secure votes and nominations, we feel there is valuable resource within ourselves to make space development our own priority.

HSP 2012 Events

- ✚ Commercial Space Summit: May–June 2012
- ✚ HSP Career Fair —April 2012
- ✚ HSP Career Fair—September 2012
- ✚ Bi-monthly networking meetings
- ✚ Quarterly Space Cafés (lecture series)
- ✚ HSP Collegiate Chapter special events
- 🔑 Community involvement
- 🔑 Formal and informal education projects



We want this: NASA & commercial space exploration partnerships.
Translation—a shared space vision means future employment.



Not this: NASA not a priority for presidential candidates.

Presidential candidates who are blind to the enormous growth potential that is essentially guaranteed when nations invest in space exploration and research. The return on our investment (.4 of 1 cent of the Federal budget) is significant, especially considering the effects it has on society and advancing civilization. For example, every medical device in today's healthcare industry derived from NASA technology.

