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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 13-093]

### Centennial Challenges 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Centennial Challenges 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 51 U.S.C. 20144(c).

The 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge is scheduled and teams that wish to compete may register. Centennial Challenges is a program of prize competitions to stimulate innovation in technologies of interest and value to NASA and the nation. The 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge is a prize competition designed to encourage development of new technologies or application of existing technologies in unique ways to create robots that can autonomously seek out samples and return to a designated point in a set time period. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) of Worcester, Massachusetts administers the Challenge for NASA. NASA is providing the prize purse.

**DATES:** 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge will be held June 10-13, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge will be conducted at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for or get additional information regarding the 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge, please visit: <http://challenge.wpi.edu>.

For general information on the NASA Centennial Challenges Program please visit: [www.nasa.gov/challenges](http://www.nasa.gov/challenges). General questions and comments regarding the program should be addressed to Dr. Larry Cooper, Centennial Challenges Program, NASA Headquarters 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC, 20546-0001. Email address: [larry.p.cooper@nasa.gov](mailto:larry.p.cooper@nasa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary

Autonomous robot rovers will seek out samples and return them to a designated point in a set time period. Samples will be randomly placed throughout the roving area. They may be

placed close to obstacles, both movable and immovable. Robots will be required to navigate over unknown terrain, around obstacles, and in varied lighting conditions to identify, retrieve, and return these samples. Winners will be determined based on the number of samples returned to the designated collection point as well as the value assigned to the samples.

#### I. Prize Amounts

The total Sample Return Robot Challenge purse is \$1,495,000 (one million four hundred ninety five thousand U.S. dollars). Prizes will be offered for entries that meet specific requirements detailed in the Rules.

#### II. Eligibility

To be eligible to win a prize, competitors must (1) register and comply with all requirements in the rules and team agreement; (2) in the case of a private entity, shall be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States, and in the case of an individual, whether participating singly or in a group, shall be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States; and (3) shall not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of their employment.

#### III. Rules

The complete rules and team agreement for the 2014 Sample Return Robot Challenge can be found at: <http://challenge.wpi.edu>

Dated: July 17, 2013.

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*Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs, Space Technology Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 13-091]

### NASA International Space Station Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA International Space Station (ISS) Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to assess all aspects

related to the safety and operational readiness of the ISS, and to assess the possibilities for using the ISS for future space exploration.

**DATES:** September 3, 2013, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Local Time.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, Glennan Conference Room, 1Q39, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Greg Mann, Office of International and Interagency Relations, (202) 358-5140, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. This meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID to Security before access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 working days prior to the meeting: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee; and home address to Mr. Mann via email at [gmann@nasa.gov](mailto:gmann@nasa.gov) or by telephone at (202) 358-5140 or fax at (202) 358-3030. U.S. citizens and permanent residents (green card holders) are requested to submit their name and affiliation 3 working days prior to the meeting to Mr. Mann.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 13-092]

### NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Astrophysics Subcommittee; Meeting.

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.