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Reply to Attn of:

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Dear Mr. Olson:

Congratulations! Your proposal for the 'Salish Kootenai College CubeSat' has been down-selected by the recommendation committee for participation in NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative. This pilot project is intended to demonstrate viable launch opportunities for CubeSat payloads during 2013 and 2014 as auxiliary payloads on planned NASA missions. NASA received 43 proposals for the CubeSat Launch Initiative and is recommending 33 for participation in the opportunity.

Final selection in this initiative is contingent on negotiation and execution of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NASA, under 15 U.S.C. § 3710a, and also the National Aeronautics and Space Act, 42 U.S.C. § 203(c), to support your project and define your responsibilities under the terms of the CRADA. The purpose of the negotiations is to define the terms and conditions of the CRADA and to align your proposal with the anticipated launch manifest. A template of the CRADA is attached to this letter for your preliminary review.

As an outcome of the selection recommendation committee process, the committee developed a prioritization for manifest opportunities. Your CubeSat payload is prioritized #3, and would be manifested (pending availability of your payload) on a launch opportunity supporting your payload's orbital parameters and priority. Multiple launch opportunities are manifested for each launch event. While NASA anticipates there will be sufficient launch opportunities, we cannot guarantee that all recommended payloads will be launched. Final selection will be approved upon signature of the negotiated CRADA.

NASA will communicate with the points of contact provided in your proposal to begin negotiations in order of priority. Should the points of contact information change, please contact NASA immediately. Once the CRADA has been executed, a NASA mission manager will coordinate all further activities with you. Your NASA mission manager will be Mr. Garrett L. Skrobot, who can be reached at garrett.l.skrobot@nasa.gov or 321-867-5365. If you have any further questions about your priority, selection, or the CRADA process, please contact me at jason.c.crusan@nasa.gov or 202-358-0635.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason C. Crusan".

Jason C. Crusan
Chief Technologist for Human Exploration and Operations