

## NASA awards space operations contract

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NASA has awarded a space program operations contract valued at \$1.1 billion for the first six months of its term to United Space Alliance LLC, of Houston.

When formalized, the agreement will result in a contract running through Sept. 30, 2010.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration operations agreement covers work and support for mission design and planning; software development and integration; astronaut and flight controller training; system integration; flight operations; vehicle processing, launch and recovery; vehicle sustaining engineering; flight crew equipment processing; and space shuttle- and International Space Station-related support to the Constellation Program.

NASA said the contract includes provisions for award and performance fees.

Work in support of this contract is performed at Space Alliance facilities in Houston; Huntsville, Ala.; and Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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