



# NEWS RELEASE

*Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond*

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### **ENTREPRENEURS, LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, ENGINEERS AND MEDIA TO TESTIFY IN ATLANTA**

ARLINGTON, Virginia, March 22, 2004 -- The President's Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond has invited experts from organized labor, the media, the Aerospace Engineering department of Georgia Tech, and the world of space commerce to testify at a public hearing March 24 and 25, 2004. The hearing will be held at the Georgia Centers for Advanced Telecommunications Technology (GCATT) Auditorium on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology, 250 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia.

On March 24, a panel of Space Entrepreneurs will lead off the hearing, which convenes at 1:00 p.m.; the next panel will provide input from the Georgia Institute of Technology ; and a presentation on Developing Public/Private Partnerships will conclude the first day's testimony.

On March 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Building Space Jobs will feature labor representatives, followed by Lessons Learned Regarding a "System of Systems" and a National Research Council Report: "Safe on Mars." Astronaut Buzz Aldrin will address the Commission at 11:45 a.m.

At 1:15, a panel on Commercial Space and Economic Feasibility will be presented; and at 2:15, journalists who cover space will discuss the exploration vision from their perspective. At 3:00, through a lottery system, individuals in the audience will be given an opportunity to present comments to the Commissioners. And at 3:45 p.m., a news conference for accredited media journalists will be held.

The schedule of witnesses with timeline is attached.

The President's Commission on Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy (Moon, Mars and Beyond) is charged with building consensus, providing recommendations to the President regarding moon research activities, increasing young people's interest in space science, and bringing in industry and other countries as space partners.

Information about the President's Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond is also available at: <http://www.moontomars.org>.

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Editors note:

The Commission hearing is available live on NASA TV on AMC-9, transponder 9C, C-Band, located at 85 degrees west longitude. The frequency is 38880.0 MHz. Polarization is vertical, and audio is monaural at 6.80 MHz.