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Marshall Center reorganizes to meet customer needs

New organization designed to maintain strong cross-cutting engineering capabilities, strengthen Marshall's product lines

The Marshall Center is reorganizing, forming four new directorates and one new office, eliminating or replacing half-a-dozen existing organizations and renaming another. The newly created directorates and their functions are:

- ★ **Space Transportation Directorate** — all space transportation programs and projects except Space Shuttle operations.
- ★ **Science Directorate** — all micro-gravity, optics, space and Earth science programs and projects.
- ★ **Flight Projects Directorate** — all Space Station and operations projects and functions, as well as future programs not related to the Space Transportation or Science directorates.
- ★ **Engineering Directorate** — responsible for cross-cutting engineering disciplines supporting the program directorates.

Also new is the:

- ★ **Systems Management Office** — responsible for assessing systems requirements, overseeing program and project compliance to requirements and independent cost analysis.

The Observatory Projects Office is being renamed the Chandra X-ray Observatory Program with future observatory technology development moved to the Science Directorate. The reorganization requires final approval by officials at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Taylor reception postponed

The retirement reception to honor Bill Taylor has been postponed due to family illness. The event, originally planned for 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4 will be rescheduled at a later date.