Space Station Freedom Program Commercial Infrastructure and Technology Utilization

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Importance of Commercial Space Infrastructure

- Government cannot be expected to make total investment
- Commercial participation is essential
- Industry has thirty years of space experience
- Requirement:
 - -- Risks are quantifiable
 - -- Expected return commensurate with risks

Importance of Space Station Freedom

- Will reduce the risk of commercial space activity
 - -- Technical
 - -- Market
 - -- Financial
- Creates opportunity for commercial ownership and operations of discrete space systems and services
 - -- Power Services
 - -- Data Services
 - -- Communications Services

- -- Ground Services
- -- Transportation Services
- -- User Services

Benefits

To Industry:

- Entry into an emerging market
- Long term profits and return on investment
- Access to new technologies
- Market expansion

To NASA:

- Reduced up–front expenditures
- Investment into new R&D
- Expanded participation and support for SSFP
- Support for National Space Policy

Challenge to Advanced Studies Program

- Recognize potential role of commercial infrastructure
 - -- Policy
 - Private capital at risk
 - Non-U.S. government customers
 - Commercial market determines viability
 - Private sector has responsibility and management of activities
- Identify potential opportunities for commercial infrastructure
 - -- Criteria
 - NASA Space Commerce Opportunities planes nine initiates

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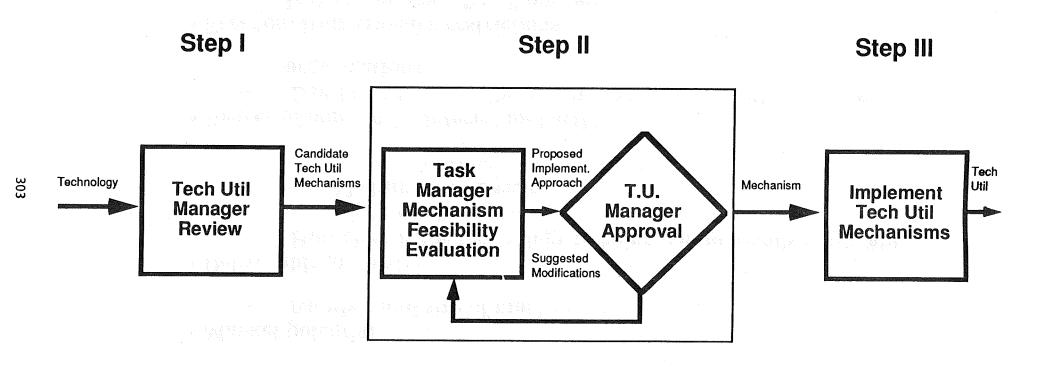
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 Commercial Utilization of SSF-developed Technologies

Technology Utilization Goals

- Facilitate U.S. industry's utilization of technologies developed within the Space Station Freedom Program
- Establish a standard approach to identify opportunities for commercial utilization of SSF technologies

Technology Utilization Process



Note: Current scope focuses on the Engineering Prototype Development and Evaluation Program. Process can be adapted to cover additional station and other NASA technologies.

Technology Utilization Criteria

POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL UTILITY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Market potential
 - -- Number and size of markets
- Deliverable maturity
 - -- How close is the technology to being commercially applicable
 - High: working prototype
 - Medium: 1 to 2 years
 - Low: more than 2 years
- Degree of non-NASA interest and activity
 - -- Level of interest in the private sector and in other government organizations
- Freedom from transfer restrictions
 - -- Is the technology free from restrictions on its transfer to the private sector
 - High indicates no transfer restrictions
 - Zero indicates complete restriction from transfer

Technology Utilization Mechanism

- Active mechanisms include:
 - -- Joint Sponsored Research Program
 - -- Federal Technology Transfer Act Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
- Passive mechanisms include:
 - -- Publication In Tech Briefs
 - -- Conferences and Seminars
 - -- Industrial Application Centers
 - -- Computer Software Management and Information Center (COSMIC) Database

Challenge to Engineering Prototype Development Program

- Recognize potential commercial value of technology
 - -- Personal knowledge
- Support efforts to employ technology utilization mechanism

Comparison of Aviation and Space Development

