

To Become a Commercial Partner

Submit a letter of intent on corporate letterhead and signed by appropriate corporate administrator specifying:

- Level of in-kind and/or cash funding committed to NASA FTCSC-related projects
- Proposed budget, timeline (one to five years), and deliverables for NASA-related projects
- Designated contact person

A sample letter of intent is available upon request.



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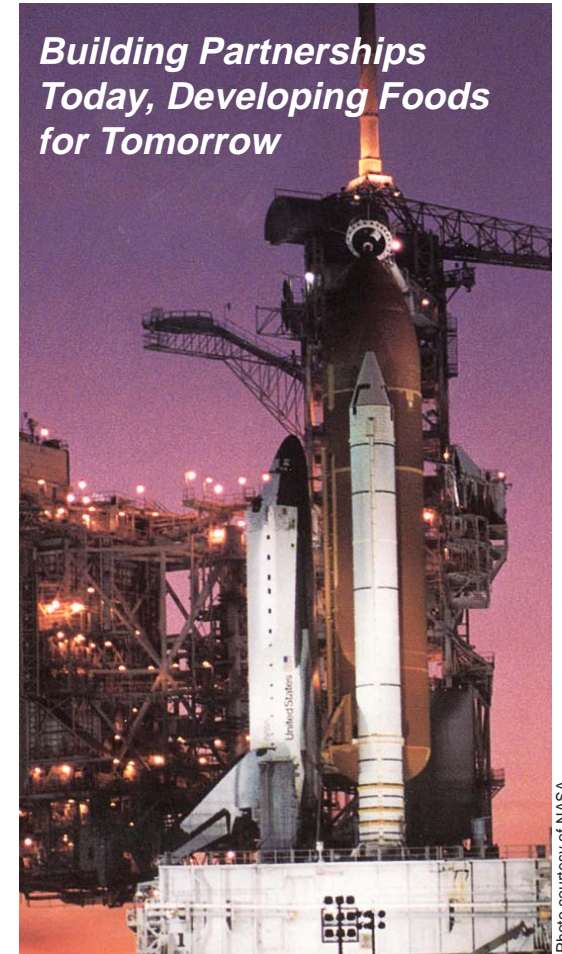


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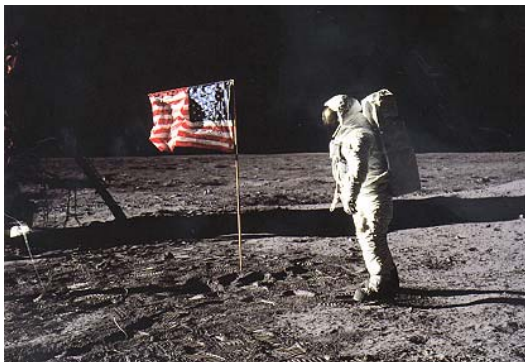


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Commercial Partnership with NASA FTCSC

The mission of the NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center (NASA FTCSC) is to lead a national effort in developing foods and food-processing technologies that enhance space missions and advance commercial food products through cooperative efforts with NASA scientists and technologists, commercial companies, and academic researchers.

Creating partnerships with industry is key to NASA FTCSC's success in accomplishing this mission. Through these partnerships, we are developing synergistic relationships with which industry and academia can leverage knowledge, research, and resources to develop food products and processes that enhance food systems both for space and on Earth.

Benefits to Commercial Partners

- Fast-track evaluations for getting commercial partners' products onto the Shuttle and the International Space Station (We cannot guarantee a product's acceptance.)
- Access to NASA food science and technology experts and managers
- Input to NASA through NASA FTCSC regarding research priorities
- List of commercial partners, corporate logos, and project descriptions in NASA FTCSC literature, presentations, displays, and Internet site
- Opportunity to present products at Johnson Space Center and to visit the Johnson Space Center campus
- Access to ISU and NASA research facilities arranged by NASA FTCSC (Appropriate fees will be paid to use research facilities.)
- Electronic updates of NASA FTCSC and NASA activities
- Updates on NASA information (e.g., food selections, workshops, and research and development direction)
- Final commercial/space products or prototypes displayed at Johnson Space Center
- Annual report summarizing NASA FTCSC and commercial partner activities

Levels of Participation

- **Corporate Founding Partners**—commit at least \$250,000 over a period of five years in cash and/or in-kind activity and are eligible to serve on the NASA FTCSC Scoping Committee
- **Corporate Partners**—commit at least \$50,000 per year in cash and/or in-kind activity
- **Affiliate Partners**—commit at least \$5,000 but less than \$50,000 per year in cash and/or in-kind activity

Responsibilities to NASA FTCSC

- Submit letter of intent to become a commercial partner
- Provide a brief, quarterly update of all NASA-related activities
- Submit annual progress report on July 1 each year for inclusion in annual report
- Engage in activities that further NASA FTCSC objectives
- Inform NASA FTCSC Director about activities that affect the center



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