

Mr. Jim Adams

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Mr. Adams has over 30 years of aerospace engineering and management experience, both in the private sector and as a civil servant at NASA. He has extensive Program and Project management experience and is currently serving as a Senior Executive in the Science Mission Directorate. Jim has a broad background in acquisition, planning, implementation and execution of both large and small scale spacecraft missions, as well as ground systems and infrastructure.

Since 2007, Mr. Adams has been serving as the Deputy Director of the Planetary Science Division (PSD) where he is responsible for a \$1.3B annual portfolio, encompassing planetary activities in various stages of development and numerous supporting activities ranging from operations systems, to technology investments to

international partnerships. He is also the Program Director for the Discovery, New Frontiers and Lunar Quest programs within PSD.

Prior to his assignment at NASA Headquarters, Mr. Adams served for 17 years at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in a variety of capacities.

Mr. Adams was employed by the General Electric Company in Valley Forge, PA from 1979 to 1989 as a Systems Engineer where he helped design Military and Civil Communications spacecraft.

He has worked on over 25 successful currently operating space missions, received 3 NASA medals recognizing exceptional service and leadership including NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal. Mr. Adams holds a B.S. in Physics from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA (1979) and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Villanova University in Villanova, PA (1989).