Discovery Program Updates, and what to expect in Phase A from HQ.

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Discovery Program Updates

- Congratulations and good luck!
- We intend to select one or two of these missions for flight opportunities, depending on:
  - Quality of QSRs and scientific and technical evaluations
  - Budget constraints: FY 16 Appropriation and the FY 17 President’s Budget will shed light
- 8 PM/PSE updates and one new DPM assignment approved. Not all cases seem fully justifiable, given that these positions, in many cases, led to proposal strengths, which are no longer valid because they have not been evaluated.
  - New key personnel and their roles will be evaluated in CSRs and Site visits
- As announced in Selection Letter, PI Masters Forum Jan 25 – 27, KSC. Discovery Forum expected to be one day. PI, PM, DPM, PS, PSE, RM (plus up to 2 if desired) are expected. More info to follow.
What to expect in Phase A from HQ

- HQ becomes involved in Phase A, and much more in Phases B – F.
- HQ staff and Program Office (PO) at MSFC work closely together, you’ll hear from the Program Office next.
- HQ appoints “Program Officers” (Program Executives and Program Scientists), and PO appoints Mission Manager to every mission.
- During Phase A, one PE and one PS will ‘follow’ all five missions and will be able to provide you with support as needed. They shouldn’t need much from you in Phase A.
  - Jared Leisner, Program Scientist
  - Diane Brown, Program Executive
- Financial and contract management handled by PO Business Mgmt, they are supported by HQ Resource Analyst as needed.
- Phase B – F Program Officers will be selected based on which missions are selected and staff availability. You will develop a very close working relationship with the shared goal of mission success.
HQ Management Team for Flight Missions
Aka ‘Program Officers’

- Program Scientist
- Program/Project
- Program Executive
- Program Director
- Program Analyst
*Division has the authority to delegate to the PE
Additional Programs in SMD’s Planetary Science Division

- New Frontiers*
- Solar System Exploration Program (*new since Pre-proposal conference)*
- Mars Exploration
- Radioisotope Power Systems
- Planetary Research & Analysis
- Near Earth Objects Observation Program (*new since Pre-proposal conference*)

*Co-managed with Discovery at the Planetary Missions Program Office at MSFC
Everyone involved has the same goal:

Mission Success.

Good luck.