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## NASA TO SEEK SPACE ABOARD COMMERCIALY DEVELOPED FACILITY

NASA today announced that it will seek offers to lease, to the U.S. government, useable volume and related services in a commercially developed space facility for 5 years beginning before the end of fiscal year 1993. At least 30 percent of the facility will be available for commercial use.

The facility will be deployed, checked out and serviced periodically on orbit by Space Shuttle crews. The facility will provide a crew-tended, shirtsleeve work space and also will be able to operate in an untended, free-flying mode, providing a microgravity environment for periods of 4 to 6 months.

Actual lease terms and conditions will be negotiated and will be subject to the future availability of appropriated funds and necessary authorizations.

NASA will initiate an open competition to be managed by the Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

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