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Lieutenant Governors To Hold Hearing on NASA Budget, K-12 Education

The Aerospace States Association (ASA) will hold a hearing on February 8, 2006 at 1:00 pm in Room 2325 of the Rayburn House Office Building to review the President's budget for NASA and to raise the visibility of the importance of K-12 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

ASA's Chairman, Alaska Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman says, "K-12 students need to have an understanding of mathematical and scientific principles and technological processes. ASA wants to bring attention to successful programs and implementation strategies that have a broad impact and national reach in an effort to strengthen and enhance STEM education in the United States."

The hearing will begin with a review of the NASA budget request to Congress and will then be split into two parts: Part I: Program Designers; and Part II: Program Implementers. Testimony will be heard from:

Program Designers:

Ms. Angela Diaz, Associate Administrator for Education, NASA
Dr. Kathie Olsen, Deputy Director, National Science Foundation
Dr. Henry Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education,
Department of Education

Program Implementers:

Dr. Gerald Wheeler, Executive Director, National Science Teachers Association
Dr. Cathy Seeley, President, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Dr. Kendall N. Starkweather, Executive Director, International Technology Education
Association

ASA is a bi-partisan organization representative of the grass roots of American Aerospace. It is a scientific and educational organization of Lieutenant Governors and Governor-appointed delegates. ASA was formed to promote a state-based perspective in federal aerospace policy development and to support state aerospace initiatives that enhance student/teacher education outreach and economic development opportunities. Currently chaired by Loren Leman, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, ASA maintains direct ties to the executive branch of state government.

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