and Dr. Amy Simon-Miller. In 2005, the contents of Co-I Glenar's entire AOTF lab at GSFC were sent to NMSU as a long-term equipment loan and are being transferred to NMSU under the terms of the Stevenson-Wilder Act. Glenar's recent retirement from GSFC and transition to an NMSU researcher provides additional value to this proposal in that he will serve as a link between the NMSU proposing team and our GSFC collaborators.

Future Collaborations

Through this proposed research we will enhance our collaborations with instrument development specialists at NASA/GSFC. We will schedule regular teleconferences and annual face-to-face meetings in order to move our instrument development capabilities forward and develop specific plans for testing our AOTF point spectrometer in conjunction with the GSFC-build LDMS instrument. Specifically, we will collaborate with the following investigators at NASA:

- Dr. Amy Simon-Miller, Solar System Exploration Division, NASA/GSFC. She will provide insight into the instrumentation needs for outer solar system exploration.
- Dr. Paul Mahaffy, Chief, Atmosphere Experiment Laboratory, Solar System Exploration Division, NASA/GSFC. He will bring to bear his extensive experience in planetary mass spectrometry and organic composition measurements.
- Dr. William Brinckerhoff, Atmosphere Experiment Laboratory, Solar System Exploration Division, NASA/GSFC. He will work with our team on the testing of the modified TOF-LDMS that accommodates the AOTF.
- Dr. Marla Moore, Astrochemistry Laboratory, Solar System Exploration Division, NASA/GSFC. She will provide data on irradiated ices and access to her laboratory, where we can measure her samples with the AOTF and/or LDMS for comparison.

1.7.4 Addressing Diversity through Student Participation

The broader impact of the proposed work is in the training of human resources in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields. NMSU has a minority enrollment of 53%, with 46% Hispanic students, and is therefore a Hispanic-serving institution. NMT has a minority enrollment of 35.4%. Both gender and ethnic minorities are underrepresented in STEM fields, and related to this proposal, specifically in engineering, physics and astronomy. In order to recruit a group of students that mirrors the diverse population at NMSU and NMT, as well as statewide in New Mexico, we will work closely with minority-serving programs at our respective institutions (e.g. NM Regional Alliance for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics; NM Alliance for Minority Participation, NM Space Grant Consortium) to identify best-practices for our student recruitment efforts to attract students from underrepresented groups. The NMSU and NMT students will be involved in all aspects of this project and will have the opportunity to interact with professional scientists and engineers at a NASA center, providing them with critical preparation for the workforce.

1.8 Management and Evaluation

Personnel and Research Program Management

- **Principal Investigator** Patricia C. Hynes, is the Director of the New Mexico NASA EPSCoR Program and Director of New Mexico Space Grant Consortium.
- Science PI Dr. Nancy Chanover is an Assistant Professor of Astronomy, NMSU.
- **Co-Investigator** Dr. David Voelz is an Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, NMSU.

- **Co-Investigator** Dr. David Glenar is an Affiliate Professor of Astronomy at NMSU and an Emeritus Scientist in the Planetary Systems Branch at NASA/GSFC.
- **Co-Investigator** Dr. Penelope Boston is an Associate Professor of Cave and Karst Science within the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, NMT.
- 2 Undergraduates and 3 Graduate Students at NMSU and NMT, yet to be identified, will be supported by this research effort. All students supported by this funding will be U.S. citizens in an effort to build the technical workforce prepared to work for NASA and its contractors. New Mexico NASA EPSCoR is committed to supporting diversity and will encourage female, minorities and persons with disabilities to actively participate in the program.

Research Program Management

Science PI Chanover will oversee the technical aspects of the proposed research. She will ensure that the work plan outlined below is adhered to and will supervise the Astronomy student hired for this project. She will coordinate the communication among team members and will oversee the dissemination of the results from this research.

Co-I Voelz will supervise the laboratory work at NMSU including the AOTF spectrometer component testing, breadboard assembly and breadboard testing. He will also assist with the design and performance modeling of the system. He will supervise the EE students that will be hired through this project.

Co-I Glenar will be responsible for the optical design of the AOTF systems. He also will conduct the radiometric modeling. His recent (Dec. 2007) retirement from NASA/GSFC and his subsequent addition to the NMSU Astronomy department as an adjunct faculty member will enable him to effectively interact with all members of the proposing team, particularly the students.

Co-I Boston will provide scientific support for the astrobiology and astrochemistry efforts, including assistance with developing the testing protocols for laboratory and field campaign, providing astrobiologically relevant organism cultures and precipitated biosignature minerals for laboratory testing of the instrument at the Geomicrobiology Laboratory at NMT, and planning and managing the field site component of the field tests at three ongoing astrobiological study sites in New Mexico.

The research team, including student participants, will be closely integrated with regular communications via teleconferences and face-to-face meetings. The frequent dialog and the clear delineation of roles and responsibilities for all team members will result in an efficient, well-coordinated, productive effort.

New Mexico EPSCoR will be managed through the New Mexico EPSCoR/Space Grant lead office at New Mexico State University. **Dr. Patricia C. Hynes**, Director of New Mexico Space Grant, will also serve as the Director of NASA EPSCoR and will be responsible for the management of the NASA EPSCoR program, including interactions among collaborating institutions, NASA Field Centers, and space and aerospace related industry. The NM EPSCoR Director will work with the State of New Mexico EPSCoR Committee to facilitate interactions and coordination between these organizations. The NM EPSCoR Director will work closely with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to align our research focus with NASA and New Mexico research priorities. The EPSCoR office will be responsible for contract requirements including budgeting and reporting requirements. The New Mexico NASA EPSCoR office will also organize annual meetings for New Mexico faculty to facilitate research collaborations.

Program Evaluation

The objectives for the proposed research, as outlined in Section 1.3, will be achieved through the completion of the tasks outlined in the Work Plan (Section 1.4.3 and Table 3). Metrics that will be used to assess progress in our research include conference presentations, journal publications, and follow-on funding proposals that capitalize on the experience and knowledge gained through this program. The peer review process used in journal publications and the review of follow-on research funding proposals will serve as an external and objective means of evaluating the success of our research program.

Evaluation is a key consideration not only in the demonstration of effectiveness of the program, but also in continuous improvement and program refinement. New Mexico EPSCoR Director Dr. Patricia Hynes has conducted extensive activities in assessment. She will design and implement the evaluation plan. Evaluation data will be collected from researchers each year as part of their report to NASA EPSCoR. The evaluation will allow us to monitor our progress and document benchmarks toward achievement of program goals and objectives. The evaluation will be both formative and summative. Formative evaluation will include an annual assessment of the proposed research metrics. Formative evaluation results will be brought to the NASA EPSCoR Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for feedback and strategies to increase program success. Annually, we will be looking for faculty and research areas which show promise for additional funding. Summative evaluation will include a comparison of pre-award and postaward data analysis. Research faculty will involve undergraduate and graduate students in their research. This will not only contribute to workforce development in NASA research areas but will encourage student retention. Students receiving \$5,000 or more in support will be tracked through first employment using the university registration systems, confirming that students are still enrolled and succeeding in their STEM degrees.

The goals and their metrics for New Mexico EPSCoR are:

<u>Goal #1:</u> Contribute to and promote the development of research infrastructure in New Mexico in areas of strategic importance to the NASA mission while assessing and leveraging the many existing core capabilities relative to NASA in the state.

Metric: Evidence of reordered New Mexico and/or institutional priorities

Metric: Evidence of how EPSCoR activities have furthered jurisdiction priorities.

Metric: Financial commitment from the jurisdiction, industry, and participating institutions <u>Goal #2:</u> Improve the capability of New Mexico to gain support from sources outside the NASA EPSCoR program in space and aerospace related science, technology, engineering and mathematics research.

Metric: Number of follow-on grant proposals submitted and/or funded.

<u>Goal #3:</u> Develop partnerships between NASA research assets and New Mexico academic institutions, federal laboratories, and industry.

Metric: Extent to which collaborations with New Mexico agencies, industry, research and academic institutions and with NASA have evolved.

<u>Goal #4:</u> Contribute to New Mexico's overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities, higher education, and/or economic development.

Metric: Number of articles submitted to and/or published in refereed journals

Metric: Number of talks, presentations or abstracts at professional meetings

Metric: Number of patents awarded

Metric: Number and gender/ethnicity of students participating in the program research. We will track student persistence through to degree completion and beyond graduation.

<u>Goal #5:</u> Work in close coordination with the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium (NMSGC) to improve the environment for science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education in New Mexico.

Metric: Increased number and quality of interactions between researchers and New Mexico Space Grant Consortium

Tracking of Program Progress

Program progress and the potential for achieving self-sufficiency beyond the award period of the research capabilities developed under this grant will be assessed using the metrics discussed above. If the goals of the proposed research and of the New Mexico EPSCoR program are achieved, then the likelihood for securing future funding for this research is high. The potential for the proposed research area to continue to grow in importance in future aerospace fields will be assessed by the evaluation and monitoring of NASA's planning documents, funded proposals, and calls for new research efforts throughout the award period. Trends indicating the importance of the development of astrobiological instrumentation will be noted and we will respond accordingly in our efforts to secure follow-on funding toward the end of the award period.

Continuity

This proposed NASA EPSCoR project will facilitate the involvement of our student participants in future employment and internship opportunities that are relevant to NASA. Our undergraduate student participants will be encouraged to seek future fellowships and awards from the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, NASA's Undergraduate Student Researcher Program, and eventually, to apply to graduate school in a NASA-related field (e.g. physics, astronomy, engineering). Our graduate student participants, who will have developed close contacts with scientists at NASA/GSFC, will be well-positioned to apply for the NASA Graduate Student Researchers Program and ultimately the NASA Postdoctoral Program. Our proposed research will thereby provide a direct pipeline for involving young scientists and engineers – from the undergraduate to postdoctoral level – in NASA-related research that will ultimately result in the development of human resources.

There are multiple avenues for future funding that will be pursued at the end of the NASA EPSCoR award period. Within NASA, there are several instrumentation development programs (*e.g.* the Planetary Instrumentation Definition and Development Program, the Mars Instrument Development Project, and the Astrobiology Science and Technology Instrument Development Program) whose goals are the development of instrument technology that shows promise for use in scientific investigations on future planetary missions. Within the National Science Foundation, the Major Research Instrumentation program is an appropriate source of funding for further development of instrumentation. Any of these programs would be logical sources of funding to sustain the efforts developed through the NASA EPSCoR program.

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March 6, 2008

Drs. Nancy Chanover & Patricia Hynes Box 30001/MSC 4500 New Mexico State University Las Cruces, NM 88003-0001

Dear Drs. Patricia Hynes and Nancy Chanover,

I acknowledge that I am identified by name as a Co-Investigator on the investigation entitled "Infrared Instrument Development for In-Situ Organic Detection," which you are submitting to the NASA Research Announcement NNH08ZNE001C, and that I intend to carry out all responsibilities identified for me in this proposal. I understand that the extent and justification of my participation as stated in this proposal will be considered during peer review in determining in part the merits of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 2008

Ms. Pat Hynes MSC SG New Mexico State University PO Box 30001 Las Cruces, NM 88003-0001

RE: Proposal Title: Infrared instrument development for in-situ organic detection Principal Investigator: Penelope J. Boston

Dear Ms Hynes:

On behalf of the principal investigator Penelope J. Boston, of our Earth & Environmental Science Department, the enclosed is being submitted for the referenced proposal.

The enclosed represents the intent of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT) to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with the University of New Mexico to perform the scope of work described in the proposal. NMIMT is committed to support the efforts in this proposal with the necessary assets to perform such work. The R&ED Cave and Karst Program will provide in-kind cost share match.

If you have any technical questions regarding this project, please contact Dr. Boston at (505) 835-5657 or by e-mailing pboston@nmt.edu. Administrative, contract or budgetary questions may be directed to Norene Boykin (505) 835-5545 or by e-mailing nboykin@admin.nmt.edu.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure.

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