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## **Applied Technology Associates is Key Subcontractor on New NASA Contract to Build Modular Space Vehicles for the DoD**

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**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — Applied Technology Associates (ATA) announced Thursday that it has won a key program with Northrop Grumman Corporation, the prime contractor. Northrop Grumman was selected by NASA as one of the five contractors for the Modular Space Vehicles (MSV) program. NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., acted as the contracting agent for the Department of Defense's Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) program and announced the award of the indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity cost-plus fixed-fee multi-award contract, with a five-year period of performance on Nov. 10, 2010.

"Albuquerque is becoming a key location for the emerging and expanding space market and this win is an exciting opportunity for ATA to help the Northrop Grumman team to build modular spacecraft for the ORS office in our new facility just outside the Kirtland AFB gate," said Anthony Tenorio, CEO and president of ATA.

Under the terms of the contract, ATA will perform as subcontractor and host Northrop Grumman under initial task orders in support of the ORS Office located at Kirtland Air Force Base. The team received a task order to build a multi-mission spacecraft bus employing a Modular Open System Approach (MOSA) and using Plug-n-Play technology to allow for rapid manufacturing, integration and test. This approach and technology will provide innovative, affordable, and expedient solutions to the U.S. Combatant Commanders and opens new markets to additional customers.

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