

NASA Associate Administrator for Space Operations Bill Gerstenmaier is nominated for the FAI Gold Space Medal for his exceptional leadership, vision, and enthusiasm. In his current critical role, he directs all of NASA's human exploration of space. He has programmatic oversight for the International Space Station, Space Shuttle, space communications and space launch vehicles, including serving as the ultimate integrator and setting the framework for each of the USA human space flight programs. He is also accountable directly to the NASA administrator and serves a key role in defining strategic direction for the agency.

Since beginning his NASA career in 1977, he has demonstrated exceptional technical competence and the capacity to lead and integrate highly complex programs/systems. In 1998, Gerstenmaier became manager of Space Shuttle Program Integration, where he was responsible for the overall management, integration, and operations. In December 2000, he was named deputy manager of the International Space Station Program and subsequently promoted to program manager of the International Space Station, being responsible for the overall management, development, integration, and operation of the International Space Station. In 2005 he took on his current assignment as Associate Administrator for Space Operations.

For his unparalleled dedication and unique contributions to the human exploration of space, the National Aeronautic Association is proud to nominate William H. Gerstenmaier for the FAI Gold Space Medal

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