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KentuckySat Invited To Present at SmallSat Conference in Utah

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY (August 9, 2006) - KentuckySat (KySat) today announced that the enterprise has been invited to present at the National Small Satellite (SmallSat) Conference being held August 14-17, 2006, at Utah Sate University in Logan, Utah. KySat will be represented by members of its satellite design/build team (working this summer at the KySat Lab located at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California) comprised of graduate and undergraduate students from the five Kentucky universities that are KySat consortium members. The KySat presentation will focus on the nature and design parameters of the satellite (CubeSat class).

KySat, announced in May of this year, is a joint enterprise to design, build, launch and ground operate small satellites for education, research and economic development purposes. The primary mission of KySat is to train students in the dynamics of spacecraft design, construction, launch, operation and in the development and support of the accompanying R&D and education applications.

Once in orbit KySat1 will be made available at "no cost" to Kentucky students, teachers, schools, universities, etc. for an array of educational and research purposes. KySat is not a one-time project, but is envisioned as an ongoing enterprise involving a continuous series (every 12-18 months) of student satellite design, build, and launch projects. Plans now call for a launch of "KySat1" in mid-to-late 2007.

The KySat partnership is comprised of Morehead State University, Murray State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation and the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC), which is the managing partner.

Lead mission partners include Stanford University Space and Systems Development Laboratory (SSDL), NASA Ames Research Center, KatySat and California Polytechnic State University, which is the launch integrator. The Kentucky Virtual University is the virtual network partner maintaining remote communications among the partners.

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