

## **AeroSpace Day at the General Assembly January 29-30, 2008**

Please mark your calendar for the third annual AeroSpace Day (reception and meetings) at the Virginia General Assembly January 29-30, 2008. Our goal is to increase awareness of how vital NASA and the aerospace industry is to the economic well-being and future of the Commonwealth. We plan to emphasize the many ways aerospace enriches our state, not only in high-paying jobs, but also in cutting-edge research, new technology businesses and educational opportunities that inspire the next generation of explorers. We would also like to highlight NASA's 50th Anniversary during this year's event.

*Specific information is as follows:*

**Reception** - The Virginia Aviation Business Association (VABA) and the Virginia Department of Aviation are once again partnering with NASA to host a Legislative Reception, scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2008, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond. The VABA will provide opportunities for aerospace companies to participate through exhibits and sponsorship. More info and a POC will follow.

**Meetings** - Senior leaders from NASA, the aerospace industry and academia will meet with state representatives to emphasize the importance of the aerospace industry to the future of the Commonwealth. These meetings with state senators and delegates will be held Wednesday, January 30, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Virginia General Assembly, 910 Capitol Square, Richmond, VA. We will once again coordinate the meetings. *If you can participate, please call me or Janis Hunt, NASA Langley Research Center, at 757-864-3253 or Keith Koehler, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, at 757-824-1579.*

**Activities** – We will schedule a planning meeting in early October to discuss ideas for the event, including an Astronaut appearance, special education activities, meet & greet, press conference, luncheon for participants, exhibits and other opportunities. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this meeting or if you have ideas or suggestions on how to make this year's AeroSpace Day event even more successful.