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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that Aerojet was selected for a \$6.2 million contract from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for long term research and development of an advanced space engine. Not only will these funds fuel Sacramento's economy, but the findings from this research could result in cheaper, safer and more reliable future space vehicles.

"It is because of successful collaborations that NASA continues to award contracts to Sacramento based companies, like Aerojet," Congresswoman Matsui noted. "With this recent contract between NASA and Aerojet, millions of dollars will be directed towards Sacramento's economy and NASA will continue to have the cutting edge technology to ensure it remains at the forefront of space exploration."

"Aerojet is excited and pleased to work with NASA to develop new propulsion technologies to be used for the exploration of space. We appreciate Congresswoman Matsui's recognition of the importance of a healthy space exploration enterprise in the U.S., and for supporting Aerojet's efforts here in Sacramento as we work to fulfill NASA's goals and objectives," said Scott Neish, president of Aerojet.

NASA has previously relied on Aerojet, a Rancho Cordova based company that employs 1650 people in Sacramento, due to their proven record in developing technology beneficial to our nation's space program. This past January, it was Aerojet's solid rocket boosters that launched NASA's New Horizons Spacecraft on its journey to Pluto and its moon, Charon.

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