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NASA in the News

The Project Management Institute (PMI) recognized NASA as one of “25 Outstanding Organizations in Project Management” in its October 2007 issue of *PM Network* (Volume 21, Number 10). Earlier this year, PMI invited organizations to submit nominations through an online process. They were looking for companies, not-for-profit organizations, and government entities that had achieved the following:

- Developed a project management career path
- Pioneered best practices or demonstrated innovation in project management principles
- Acknowledged project management at the executive level
- Attributed continuous improvement or return on investment to project management practices
- Placed value on project management credentialing

Find out more about PMI and *PM Network* at <http://www.pmi.org/Resources/Pages/PM-Network.aspx>.

Reminder: PM Challenge 2008

Don't forget to register for NASA's PM Challenge 2008, the Agency's fifth annual project management conference. It will be held February 26 and 27, 2008, in Daytona Beach, Fla., near the Kennedy Space Center. The conference will feature several tracks, including High-Performance Teams, Mission Success Stories, Global Perspectives, Risk Management, and much more. The awards for Software of the Year and Invention of the Year will also be presented at the conference. Registration opens November 14. For more information, and to register, visit <http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov>.

Web of Knowledge

The NASA Engineering and Safety Center, or NESC, provides independent testing, analysis, and assessments of NASA's high-risk projects to ensure safety and mission success. Supported by a team of technical specialists from the ten NASA Centers and from a group of partners and organizations outside the Agency, NESC delivers technical reports and lessons learned that are shared with NASA's leadership. NESC also engages in proactive investigations to identify and address potential concerns before they become major problems. Read more about NESC at <http://www.nasa.gov/offices/nesc/home/index.html>.

2007 APEX Award for ASK Magazine

ASK Magazine won a 2007 Award of Excellence in the Nineteenth Annual Awards for Publication Excellence Competition. The Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX) were based on excellence in graphic design, editorial content, and the success of the entry, in addition to achieving overall communication effectiveness and excellence. Visit <http://www.apexawards.com> for more information about the awards.

For More on Our Stories

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- **Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE):**
<http://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov/product/cobe/>
- **Wallops Flight Facility:**
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/home/>
- **Cassini-Huygens:**
http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/cassini/main/index.html

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