

## Stephen A. Cook

*Director of Space Technologies*



Stephen Cook is director of space technologies at Dynetics. Selected for the position in September 2009, Cook is responsible for leading Dynetics' efforts in launch systems, orbital spacecraft and analysis and planetary exploration.

From September 2005 until September 2009, Cook served as manager of the Ares Projects Office at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. He was responsible for overall project management and direction of NASA's Ares I and V launch vehicles.

Prior to his appointment as manager of the Ares Projects Office, Cook served as deputy manager of Marshall's Space Transportation Programs and Projects Office. He was responsible for planning and directing research, technology and development activities for future generations of space transportation and advanced propulsion systems for more ambitious scientific exploration missions of our solar system.

Cook has received numerous honors and awards during his career. In 2009, he

was awarded the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award for his sustained achievements as manager of the Ares Projects. In 2007, he received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal for his exemplary management of the Exploration Launch Projects Office, along with a NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 2006 for outstanding efforts as a member of the Exploration Systems Architecture Study.

Cook also received in 2006 the Holger Toftoy Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The award recognizes outstanding technical management by a section member in aeronautics and astronautics.

In 2000, he was a nominee for the Rotary Stellar Award, recognizing outstanding achievements by individuals and teams who have made significant contributions to the future of the U.S. space program. He received the NASA Outstanding Achievement Medal in 1999 for exceptional accomplishment in the area of space

transportation. In 1997, he was awarded the Aerospace States Association Chairman's Award for outstanding civil space leadership. He also was a nominee in 1996 for the Vice President's Office of Reinventing Government "Hammer" Award.

Cook serves on the Space Transportation Committee of the International Astronautical Federation and the Space Transportation Technical Committee of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Cook is an AIAA Associate Fellow.

Cook has authored more than 20 papers on advanced space propulsion and launch systems and was a contributing author of the 1997 McGraw Hill Aerospace Yearbook.

He holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and mechanics from the University of Minnesota. In 2008, he attended the Harvard Business School's Leading Product Development Course. He is certified in Federal Acquisition.

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