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# Kennedy Space Center hits major transformation milestone



NASA has achieved a major milestone in its effort to transform the Kennedy Space Center into a multi-user spaceport by completing the initial design and technology development phase for its new ground systems development and operations (GSDO) program.

Unlike previous work at Kennedy Space Center that focused on a single kind of launch system, such as the Saturn V rocket or space shuttle, GSDO engineers and managers are preparing the spaceport's infrastructure to support several different spacecraft and rockets in development for human exploration.



This includes NASA's development of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft, which will provide a new capability for human exploration beyond low-Earth orbit with the flexibility to launch spacecraft for crew and cargo missions to destinations in the solar system, including an asteroid and Mars.

