

# **NASA'S TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION PROGRAMS**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Dr. Robert Braun will provide an insightful overview of NASA's FY 2011 Budget proposal. This new direction emphasizes the need for research, innovation and technology investments in order to open up the frontiers of the solar system for human exploration. Dr. Braun also will highlight NASA's new Space Technology investments and the push for disruptive technologies that may enable humans to explore near-Earth asteroids and eventually Mars. Dr. Braun will argue this new "technology-enabled exploration approach" will send humans beyond low Earth orbit more efficiently, safely and expeditiously.