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NASA officials released a synopsis of their Collaborations for Commercial Space Capabilities (CCSC), a program that provides private sector companies with the opportunity to utilize NASA's resources and expertise to produce cost-effective, commercial products and services for low Earth orbit and beyond.

NASA is seeking comments on the synopsis and proposals from private companies interested in pursuing such partnerships. Interested parties should submit a letter of intent by August 7, 2013.

Successful partners will enter into Space Act Agreements, agreements formed with private companies, universities, or government agencies to carry out a specific objective, with NASA to develop integrated space capabilities.