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## Shoulder to shoulder *Team NASA helps coordinate planning, execution of community events*

By Kelly Humphries

For more than 35 years, NASA and contractor employees have worked shoulder to shoulder to make momentous strides in human space flight. But when they tried to make the same kind of progress on community events, they sometimes looked like they were running

uphill in a three-legged race.

All that is changing with the advent of Team NASA.

This broad-based group of aerospace contractors, aligning itself with its government counterpart, other Clear Lake businesses and community groups, is now making great strides in organizing, planning and executing team events such

as Open House, Inspection 98, Safety and Total Health Day and even the venerable FOD Chili Cookoff.

Team NASA has been in existence for about a year. It was the brainchild of an informal gathering of top managers from JSC and several of its major contractors. Team NASA cut its teeth on Inspection 97, made additional progress with National

Engineers Week and American Heritage Week, and is poised to help make this year's JSC Open House the best yet.

Similarly, Team NASA is working closely with the Greater Houston Partnership, the Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rice University, the Medical Center, the University of Houston  
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## Space station 'moving van' arrives in U.S.

By James Hartsfield

The Italian-built International Space Station "moving van," the Leonardo logistics module, arrived at Kennedy Space Center last month, blazing a trail as the first of many foreign-built station components that will arrive in Florida in the near future.

"This module is the first foreign-manufactured station component to be delivered to KSC and it also is the first station element to be officially accepted by NASA," said David Schurr, manager for Italian Space Agency elements for the International Space Station Program at JSC. The official acceptance of the

Leonardo module took place in August, a few weeks earlier than NASA will officially accept the Unity node from Boeing. Although built in Italy, it is U.S. property in exchange for Italian access to station research.

The Leonardo module arrived at KSC on a special "Beluga" air cargo plane in early August after a two-day flight from the Alenia Aerospazio factory in Turin, Italy. Scheduled to launch aboard Space Shuttle *Endeavour* on STS-100 in December 1999, Leonardo is a reusable logistics carrier that will be the primary delivery system to resupply and return station cargo in a pressurized

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JSC employees Mike Kinnan, left, ISS launch site integration manager, and Todd McIntyre, ISS Program representative for international elements, make a post-shipping inspection of Leonardo at Kennedy Space Center.



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