

Responses to Written Questions Submitted by Honorable Deb Fischer to Jim Morhard

*Question 1.* The NASA EPSCoR program helps build valuable research capacity in states like Nebraska, which ultimately supports NASA's mission. If confirmed, will you support the NASA EPSCoR program?

Response. Yes.

*Question 2.* NASA programs such as the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, or Space Grant, provide important opportunities to connect students at Universities such as the University of Nebraska with NASA centers and other resources. If confirmed, will you support programs such as the Space Grant?

Response. Yes.

*Question 3.* The Center for Advanced Surgical Technology at the University of Nebraska has provided research to NASA through grants and agreements for more than seven years. This research has provided NASA important technology development in the areas of robotic and remote surgical options for use in space, diagnostic tools, and surgical training simulation. As NASA prepares for its future space missions, this medical technology is vitally important to the health and welfare of our astronauts. These medical technologies are important to ensure that space missions are not cancelled in midflight due to a medical situation. Do you favor continuing development of remote and robotic medical technologies needed for space missions?

Response. Yes.

Responses to Written Question Submitted by Honorable Jim Inhofe to Jim Morhard

*Question.* Last year, President Trump reestablished the National Space Council, to ensure all aspects of our nation's space power—national security, commerce, foreign relations, exploration, science—are coordinated and aligned at the highest levels of government. What role do you see for National Space Council in the development of American space policy?

*Response.* The main role of the National Space Council (NSpC) is to monitor and coordinate implementation of the objectives of the President's national space policy and strategy in order to foster close coordination, cooperation, and technology and information exchange among the civil, national security, and commercial space sectors. The NSpC has and will continue to provide American space policies the high level of attention that was previously lacking by providing strategic goals like that of SPD-1. It will also play a role in helping to ensure government agencies like NASA has the budgetary resources it needs to implement strategic space policies. If confirmed, I look forward to working with the Senate and the NSpC to implement America's space policies and ensure America is the leader in space exploration for generations to come.