SOFIA EARLY SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP

MONDAY JANUARY 7, 2008, DURING THE AUSTIN AAS MEETING

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SOFIA EARLY SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES, AAS WORKSHOP I 1 to 5 p.m., Monday January 7, 2008, Austin, Texas

This is the first of a series of workshops regarding early science opportunities with SOFIA. It will be held during the 211th Meeting of the AAS in Austin, TX on Monday, January 7, 2008 from 1 to 5 PM. NOTE that this is before the AAS opening reception Monday evening.

There will be updates on the state of the SOFIA Project including its complement of nine instruments (3 cameras, 5 spectrographs, and a high-speed photometer), and a charge to working groups that will meet in splinter sessions to consider the early SOFIA general observer (GO) science plan, then to discuss, revise, and update SOFIA's scientific cases. This will in turn provide input to a SOFIA Science Opportunities document to be drafted after Workshop I and reviewed and revised at the "SOFIA Community Task Force AAS Workshop II" to be held during the 212th AAS Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in June, 2008.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. This is your chance to help define the ways that SOFIA will best serve the science community. We specifically encourage attendance by astronomers who have never had airborne astronomy experience, theoreticians, and the large new community of astronomers doing infrared astronomy with the Spitzer Space Telescope. Refreshments will be provided.

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