NASA Lauds TIMED Mission Success

**APL-led Team Receives Civil Service/Contractor Team Award**

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During the 31st annual NASA Headquarters Honor Awards Ceremony on Nov. 3, the TIMED (Thermosphere, Ionosphere, Mesosphere Energetics and Dynamics) program was presented with the Civil Service/Contractor Team Award. NASA presents this award to a team composed of both Headquarters civil servants and contractors for outstanding performance in support of Headquarters’ mission.

The APL-led team was recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the successful completion of TIMED’s primary 2-year mission - which ended in January 2004 - and for collecting unprecedented global observations of the upper atmosphere. APL designed, built and is operating the spacecraft for NASA.

“IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE NASA RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION OF THE MANY TEAM MEMBERS NATION-WIDE CONTRIBUTING TO TIMED'S SUCCESS,” Project Manager Dave Grant said. “THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.”

TIMED launched on Dec. 7, 2001, to explore one of the last frontiers in Earth's atmosphere. In January 2004, TIMED began an extended 3-year mission to study how declining solar activity affects a portion of the upper atmosphere that serves as the gateway between Earth's environment and space, where the sun's energy is first deposited into our environment.

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