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Jeffrey (Jeff) Herath serves as STED's Deputy Director for Flight Project, managing overall development efforts for a significant and complex set of NASA projects for flight programs. Prior to that he was the Associate Director for Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL) in the Engineering Directorate. In that role Jeff served LaRC by representing the whole Center, from Concept to Flight, for EDL and overseeing a broad program of research, technology, and flight systems development and demonstrations for EDL systems. Mr. Herath previously served in the Engineering Directorate as Head of the Atmospheric Flight and Entry Systems Branch. He led the Branch and influenced Agency missions by implementing, and assuring the quality of Branch technical products and capabilities. Jeff led the definition, advocacy, investigation, and implementation of long-term technological solutions for aerospace flight systems, flight vehicles, and planetary exploration programs.

Mr. Herath has served LaRC in various leadership roles since joining NASA in 2002. Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as a technical authority and expert in the field of electronics engineering and in Entry, Descent and Landing technologies. Jeff has successfully led the technical aspects of multi-center and international projects and continues to be a strong advocate for and developer of LaRC partnerships. Prior to joining NASA, Jeff served as the Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Research and Development for several start-up companies. Three of these companies were based on technologies he developed and he was granted several U.S. Patents.



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