STEPS – US PROPOSAL PROCESS

**Benefits of this Proposal Process**

* INFORMATION ABOUT ARISS DISBURSED TO MORE EDUCATORS

NASA distributes its news release to 18,000 educators

* INFORMATION IS DISBURSED TO A BROADER RANGE OF EDUCATORS

NASA educational team members describe ARISS at educator conferences and workshops.

AMSAT and ARRL distribute to amateur radio media.

* NO ONE CAN SAY GROUPS WERE SELECTED DUE TO KNOWING SOMEONE

NASA team does not know radio clubs whose members are sponsoring the ARISS event.

* THE TEAM SELECTING THE GROUPS IS MORE OBJECTIVE

Many proposals have no tie to radio groups = no subjective thinking while reading the proposals.

* MORE PEOPLE EVALUATE PROPOSALS

More people can think of more considerations when evaluating proposals & more ways to assist.

* A TIME RANGE FOR THE CONTACTS IS GIVEN TO EDUCATORS

Educators do not have to wait a lengthy time span, wondering when they will be scheduled.

* GROUPS LEARN ABOUT NASA’S MANY OTHER STEM RESOURCES

Groups do more STEM lessons after ARISS because they hear about other NASA projects.

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Some groups have no amateur radio ties, so sometimes working with the group is more difficult.