

Contract/Cooperative Agreement Status and Outlook

Status of AURA Contracts and Cooperative Agreements--Summary

STScI:

HST—STScI contract extended to 4/30/16.

Proposal on re-baseline pending

JWST—1 year after launch

NSO proposal reviewed Jan 28-31

NSB final approval/decision August

New Cooperative Agreement includes proposed funding for moves to Boulder and other critical activities

NOAO proposal submitted in January, to be reviewed May 19-21

Gemini Management Competition Schedule

Current CA expires 12/31/2015

Proposal for a one year extension due in September

Mid-2014: Publish solicitation

Q3 2014: Publish resource library, site visits

Q4 2014: Letter of intent

Q1 2015: Proposals due

New Awardee by 12/31/2016

LSST Operations Proposal

AURA will be the managing organization throughout the construction phase. Cooperative Agreement expected to be finalized this summer.

NSF has indicated that they will invite a proposal for operations on a non-competitive basis.

Generally, this policy is based on the presumption that the managing entity during construction should be give a chance to make the transition to operations in as easy a manner as possible.

AURA, SLAC, and LSSTC are examining their roles in the formation of a “partnership”