



Orbital ATK to Begin Negotiations for Space in VAB

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Hi I'm NASA Kennedy's Joshua Finch and I'm taking you Inside KSC.

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Students from across the country put their software coding skills to the test at Kennedy's

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first annual Swarmathon competition April 20th and 21st.

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Teams from a dozen colleges and universities tested software code they'd developed to

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operate Kennedy's "Swarmies" robots.

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Like ants, these robots are programmed to search for resources – technology that could

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be invaluable on NASA's journey to Mars.

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A team from Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina took home

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the inaugural win.

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A new tenant could be coming soon to the spaceport's landmark Vehicle Assembly Building.

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NASA has selected Orbital ATK of Dulles, Virginia

to begin negotiations on an agreement to use

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VAB High Bay 2, where the company plans to
assemble and test a new series of commercial

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launch vehicles.

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If the parties reach an agreement, NASA will
continue to serve as the building's overall

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site operator.