

CDP Future Landing Sites details

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CDP Landing sites

- Focus of the program is on health and safety information for missions
- This covers ALL potential future Mars missions, including Program, Discovery, and New Frontiers
- CDP program will fund investigators to perform a basic evaluation of scientifically interesting sites now, so we can prioritize and collect the appropriate data to certify sites in the future
- Should be a basic evaluation, not scientific research or site certification

CDP Money

- Last call, Spring of 2010, the program funded 7 investigations, at \$25k each
- In FY11, we plan fund 10-20 investigations, selected by peer review, at \$25k each
- New call for CDP to be issued
 - ~November 2010, proposals due in January, awards in March
- Potential for second call summer 2011

Landing Sites program

Increase the number of prospective *scientifically interesting* sites while we still have the assets to acquire the additional data needed to certify these sites are safe for landing.