

## **VEXAG Competed Missions and ROSES Focus Group**

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### Charter

The Competed Missions and ROSES Focus Group is chartered to provide input to the Venus Exploration Analysis Group (VEXAG) regarding status of, and potential changes to, competitive NASA announcements. The overarching objective of this focus group is to provide suggestions for future mission AOs and for ROSES program elements well in advance so that they may be considered by NASA prior to the publication of the announcements.

The Focus Group reports to VEXAG Chairs. It also reports status to the Venus community during the periodic VEXAG meetings, and the larger scientific community at planetary conferences and meetings as requested of, or deemed appropriate by, the Analysis Group. Members of the Focus Group are recommended by the Focus Group Lead or a VEXAG executive committee member and then approved by the VEXAG executive committee.

The CM&ROSES Focus Group will remain active until it is terminated by a future VEXAG decision.

### Deliverables

The CM&ROSES Focus Group is responsible for:

- 1) Suggesting possible AO wording and improvements in the competitive processes in which mission proposals are evaluated (e.g., conflicts of interest, scope and wording of mission AOs, page allocations, contributed hardware, technology demonstrations, etc.)
- 2) Assessing current ROSES R&A program descriptions to identify possible modifications (e.g., fundamental research, Venus Chamber Facility, suborbital missions/platforms, technology development, etc.).