

Re: O'Keefe to leave NASA soon

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"Bill the Cat" <bill@the.cat> wrote in message
news:Xns95BEEEC3EF74Bbillthecat@216.196.97.131...
> *What would you consider "adequately funded?"*

Enough to do the job, in a manner that precludes easily altering the amount.

And are you aware of the
> *proposed levels of funding for the new program?*

Yes, as well as being aware that almost none of the funding is **new** money.

NASA would need something on the order of \$5–8G in **additional** funding for three or four years, then increasing upwards of \$15G for a decade (adjusted for inflation), to have a serious chance at accomplishing anything. The plan as proposed just takes money from science and aviation programs. Frankly, at the moment, I don't see increasing space spending as being a priority, particularly with the current spending deficits.