

## **NASA Recognizes Ball Aerospace's Pieper for CloudSat Mission**

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Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Engineer Brian Pieper has been awarded NASA's Exceptional Public Service Medal for his work on the 2001 CloudSat Mission.

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NASA's most prestigious honor awards are presented to a number of carefully selected individuals and groups, both government and non-government, who have made outstanding contributions to a NASA mission. Pieper, Ball's technical manager for the CloudSat mission, was honored for his "outstanding technical achievement in delivering the spacecraft bus and preparing the spacecraft for launch and early orbit operations to allow another NASA vision/goal to become a reality." Pieper has continued to support the mission since launch by tracking on-orbit data.

"It was a privilege to work on the CloudSat mission and I am honored to receive this prestigious NASA award," said Pieper. "CloudSat continues to return amazing data in advancing our understanding of climate and climate change, and emphasizes the importance of teamwork in solving critical issues."

CloudSat is part of a multi-satellite, multi-sensor NASA experiment designed to reveal the inner secrets of clouds and improve weather forecasts and climate predictions. Ball Aerospace built the CloudSat spacecraft under contract to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) as part of NASA's Earth System Science Pathfinder (ESSP) program.

Pieper will receive the awarded during a ceremony at JPL on Wednesday, July 23.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. supports critical missions of important national agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA and other U.S. government and commercial entities. The company develops and manufactures spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components, data exploitation systems and RF solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications. Over the past 50 years, Ball Aerospace has been responsible for numerous technological and scientific 'firsts' and now acts as a technology innovator for the aerospace market.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging products for beverage, food and household customers, and of aerospace and other technologies and services, primarily for the U.S. government. Ball Corporation and its subsidiaries employ more than 15,500 people worldwide and reported 2007 sales of \$7.4 billion.

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