

Q26: Section 3.5 of the Mars Scout AO offered Mars 2001 Lander hardware (and software) to all potential proposers. Is that offer still open? Do we have the option to use selected hardware and software from that which is available? Can proposers use selected portions of the 2001 lander hardware or software?

A26: All proposal teams still may propose to use this hardware and/or software. The 4 conditions indicated in the AO are still strongly emphasized however:

1. Proposer assumes full responsibility for its use (this includes verifying the exact status of all hardware and negotiating the transfer to your project)..
2. Assuring flight qualification of whatever is used per the usage that is planned.
3. Full proposing the planning to use this hardware/software including, modifications and costs to make it flight worthy.
4. Ensuring that any and ALL costs are accounted for in your final Concept Study (costs not included in the Phase A Concept Study will not be allowed later).

In addition, the “Mars 2001 Lander Description” document in the Mars Scout Library (at <http://centauri.larc.nasa.gov/mars> ) states: “Note: Proposers must use the entire Lander platform. No partial use of the Lander components and subassemblies is allowed (for example, use of only the lander aeroshell is not allowed).” The statement that “no partial use of the lander components and subassemblies is allowed” is still valid for the Mars Scout Phase A Concept Study Review. However, future use of this hardware/software is not yet determined, thus at a later time (during design/development) usage on a cost reimbursable basis may be negotiable.

Q27: The Mars Scout AO did not seem to solicit for a Participating Scientists Program, a Data Analysis Program, nor an Extended Mission. Was this an oversight? Should we include any of these in our planning during the Phase A Concept Study?

A27: The Scout AO was mute on this subject because it specifically did not solicit these programs. If any of these are required, the proposer must include these in their planning. There are no plans at the present for NASA to solicit any of these by a separate AO, however, the right to do so is still reserved.