

**2016 Medium Explorer (MIDEX)
Announcement of Opportunity
Missions of Opportunity
Astrophysics Explorer Program
Q&A**

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Q1 : If a mission requires a balloon as the launch vehicle, but it does not fit within the Mission of Opportunity (MO) cost cap, can such a mission be proposed above the MO cost cap, but below the MIDEX cost cap, to be considered as a full-scale MIDEX and reviewed as such?

A1 : No, a MIDEX mission is a space mission not a suborbital mission.

Q2 : Is the charge for access to space \$20M?

A2 : No, see the *Launch Services Program Access to Space Options* document in the Program Library.

Q3 : In regards to AO NNH12ZDA006O-APEXM03, specifically 4.6.3.3 (Requirement R-24): Will using the Planetary Sciences Corp. 6U Canisterized Satellite Dispenser (CSD) be considered for proposals? Assuming of course that we 'clearly describe how its designs are packaged and deployed.'

A3 : A proposal that designs to the use of a specific dispenser, such as the CSD, is allowed under the CubeSat Launch Initiative and for this solicitation.