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## CROWDSOURCING A MOON VILLAGE

## Abstract

It took over 400,000 people to enable the Apollo program to take humanity where it had never gone before. How many people will it take to enable a 21st century, nationless Moon program that takes both time and financial contributions from the "crowd"?

By showing the world that large-scale crowdsourced technological projects can be successful, it will shift perceptions of what is possible through collective action. Improving how we collaborate as a species will have cascading impacts on the rate of technological progress of making a Moon Village a reality. Early successes could drive even more people to seek involvement. By including increasing numbers of talented individuals in groundbreaking research and exploration, projects should move from strength-to-strength, building upon each success as time passes.

Space Cooperative Inc. is developing a social collaboration platform allowing people around the world to plan, design and execute space missions together. The purpose of this presentation is to describe how such a platform can be utilized to enable the creation of a crowdsourced Moon Village.