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## **NASA Selects GL Studio® for Orion Spacecraft Display Prototyping**

### ***GL Studio Now Used by Top Two Manned Space Exploration Organizations***

**Orlando, FL August 7, 2007** – DiSTI, a global leader in Human Machine Interface (HMI) development, today announced that NASA has selected DiSTI's award winning GL Studio HMI development toolkit for use in the development of its Orion spacecraft cockpit displays. The Orion Spacecraft, formerly known as the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV), is America's next generation spacecraft for human space exploration. It will ferry crews to the International Space Station, return to the Moon and beyond to Mars.

A team of NASA engineers from Johnson Space Center, Ames Research Center and Glenn Research Center evaluated GL Studio's capabilities against specific criteria to meet NASA's stringent human factors and display prototyping requirements. They cited a wide range of factors that distinguished GL Studio from its competitors during the extensive evaluation process including support for OpenGL based 3D objects; human readable object-oriented code generation; extensive platform support; ease of use, the responsiveness of the support team, as well as cost. NASA also recognized GL Studio's ability to meet the organization's future prototyping requirements well into the next decade due to the system's advanced graphics architecture. They have contracted for a total of 15 licenses for use by programmers and developers throughout the NASA organization nationwide.

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According to DiSTI President Joe Swinski, the addition of NASA as a client means that the company now has the top two manned space exploration organizations in the world using their GL Studio software.

“We are thrilled to have been selected by the NASA team to be part of our country’s next venture into space exploration,” DiSTI President Joe Swinski said. “GL Studio encompasses the right blend of modern software development practices and technology to meet HMI development needs now, as well as for future space exploration. With this announcement, DiSTI now has NASA and Scaled Composites, the creator of the first private manned spacecraft, as clients. We are extremely proud that these two industry icons have recognized the powerful capabilities of GL Studio and are using them to advance their space exploration initiatives.”

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### **About DiSTI**

DiSTI is a global leader in the development of Human Machine Interface software for businesses, governments and the military. The company’s flagship products, GL Studio and GL Studio for Java, enable programmers and developers to build high-fidelity graphics, 3D simulations and fully interactive controls into their models, enhancing the level of realism and sophistication, while improving learning and retention.

More than 400 customers worldwide including BAE, Boeing, Dassault, FedEx, Lockheed Martin, Honeywell, Raytheon and Thales use DiSTI solutions to build maintenance trainers, create PC and Internet-based courseware and to develop components for safety-critical applications. As a full service provider, DiSTI offers a complement of custom programming and development services, and is the recognized leader in training solutions for the global simulation and training community. For more information, visit [www.simulation.com](http://www.simulation.com).