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Experts Available to Interview About NASA's James Webb Space Telescope; Wednesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 3, From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MEDIA ADVISORY, June 2, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --

What: Media are invited to interview NASA and Northrop Grumman experts working on the James Webb Space Telescope during a four-hour block of time on Wednesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 3. Northrop Grumman is NASA's prime contractor and leads the design, development and fabrication effort on the Webb telescope.

Spokespersons from Northrop Grumman and teammates Ball Aerospace and ITT will be available next to the full-scale Webb telescope model in Battery Park. Media will have a rare opportunity to understand and see up-close what NASA's next-generation space telescope will look like on orbit. This is a visual opportunity and B-roll is available. The model is on display in conjunction with the World Science Festival.

Experts will talk about the Webb telescope's mission in deep space, how it fits into NASA's space exploration program, and progress that has been made to-date in its fabrication.

When: Wednesday, June 2 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, June 3 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Battery Park, a 25-acre public park located at the Battery, the southern tip of Manhattan Island in New York City, facing New York Harbor.

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The Webb telescope will look back more than 13 billion years in time to understand the formation of galaxies, stars, and planets in the evolution of our solar system. A team led by Northrop Grumman, including Ball Aerospace, ITT and ATK, has invented new design and manufacturing technologies to build the first deployable space telescope. The Webb telescope will add to observations of earlier space telescopes, and re-write science textbooks with its new discoveries. The model's size shows the challenge and complexity of the mission.