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Jerry R. Newsom, head of the Controls-Structures Interaction Office at Langley Research Center, has been selected to attend the Carnegie-Mellon Senior Executive Seminar. He is scheduled to participate in the seminar from May 26 to June 12 at the School of Urban and Public Affairs, Carnegie-Mellon University, in Pittsburgh.

The three-week residential program is designed to help participants gain understanding of the political and economic processes that shape policy and of potential impacts of political, social, economic and technological changes.

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The program is also intended to improve participants' grasp of management concepts and analytical techniques for more effective planning, coordination and control; to foster insight about human behavior in organizations; and to develop more effective, flexible leadership skills.

As head of the Controls-Structures Interaction Office, Newsom is responsible for managing interdisciplinary research related to the analysis, design and testing of spacecraft concepts involving structural flexibility and control system interaction.

Newsom began his Langley career in 1978 as an aerospace researcher. He was named assistant head of the Aeroservoelasticity Branch in 1984 and branch head a year later. He was selected as technical assistant to the NASA administrator in February 1987. Newsom assumed his present position in June 1988.

Prior to joining NASA, he was a contractor.

Newsom has a bachelor of science degree in engineering science and mechanics from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from George Washington University. He is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Newsom has authored or co-authored more than two dozen publications and is the recipient of several awards, including a NASA Group Achievement Award, three Special Achievement Awards and two Outstanding Leadership Awards.