Tech Brief awards based upon the publication of an announcement of availability in ''NASA Tech Briefs.''

(e) When the Board receives written notice (NASA Form 1688) that a NASA Center has approved for publication a selected NASA Tech Brief based on an innovation made and reported by an employee of NASA or a NASA contractor on NASA Form 1679, the Board will recommend to the Administrator or designee that an initial award of at least $350 be granted, and an award of at least that amount will be granted to each originator of the innovation. The Board is authorized to recommend a supplemental monetary award in an amount that will be based on the evaluation of the technical and commercial merits of the innovation.

(f) When a selected NASA Tech Brief has been approved for publication, and/ or a NASA Center has approved the release of a software package, and/or the filing of a U.S. patent application has been authorized for the same contribution, the initial awards authorized in paragraphs (b), (c), and (e) of this section will be cumulative.

(g) Initial awards authorized in paragraphs (b), (c), and (e) of this section may not exceed a total of $5,000 per category. Such cases, wherein a large number of multiple innovators are contributors, must be submitted for formal evaluation by the Board on a NASA Form 1329 or 1329A.

(h) Awards authorized in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (e) of this section will not be granted to a contributor who has previously received full compensation for, or on account of, the use of such a contribution by the United States.

(i) If a contribution, as first reported and evaluated, is judged not to merit a supplemental award, as provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), or (e) of this section, or the contribution is later proved to be of more significant value, it may be submitted for reevaluation on NASA Form 1329A. Responsible NASA and NASA contractor officials are encouraged to periodically review such reported contributions, and to resubmit them for reconsideration through the same channels as originally reported.

§ 1240.106　Review and evaluation of contribution.

(a) A contribution will be initially reviewed by the Board on the basis of the material submitted by the applicant under § 1240.104(b).

(b) If it is determined that the contribution has been used in a NASA program, or adopted or sponsored or supported by NASA, the contribution will be evaluated for its significant value in the conduct of aeronautical or space activity.

(c) The Board will recommend an award for such contribution when, upon evaluation of its scientific and technical merits, it is determined to warrant an award of at least $500.

§ 1240.107　Notification by the Board.

(a) With respect to each completed application where the Board has recommended to the Administrator the granting of an award, and the Administrator has approved such award, the Board will notify the applicant of the amount and terms of the award. In the case of NASA employees or employees of NASA contractors, such notification will normally be made through the appropriate NASA field installation representative.

(b) Except for applications from NASA employees or employees of NASA contractors, where the Board does not propose to recommend to the Administrator the granting of an award, a notification will be provided which includes a brief statement of the reasons for such decision.

§ 1240.108　Reconsideration.

(a) In those cases where the Board does not recommend an award, the applicant may, within such period as the Board may set but in no event less than 30 days from notification, request reconsideration of the Board's decision.

(b) If reconsideration has been requested within the prescribed time, the applicant will, within 30 days from the date of the request for reconsideration, or within any other time as the Board may set, file its statement setting forth the issues, points, authorities, arguments, and any additional material on which it relies.

(c) Upon filing of the reconsideration statement by the applicant, the case