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Dear Colleague,

The NASA Exoplanet Exploration Program is pleased to announce the selection of the Starshade Science and Industry Partnership (SIP) subcontracts in support of the Starshade Exoplanet Data Challenge. The following teams have been awarded JPL subcontracts to develop image-processing algorithms to detect planets and extract their spectra from synthetic images and to quantify the required accuracy of noisy background calibration.

1. **Mississippi State University**, Mississippi State, MS. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Angelle Tanner.
2. **Quartus Engineering Incorporated**, El Segundo, CA. The Principal Investigator is Brian Dunn.

The teams are selected from submitted responses to a JPL Request for Proposal. The period of performance of these subcontracts is from January 2021 through September 2021.

Sincerely,

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