

## Interview: Hypervelocity Asteroid Deflection

NASA, under its Innovative Advanced Concepts program, is providing a limited amount of funding to solve the challenges of intercepting small to medium-size asteroids at very high speeds, and when there is minimal warning time available. This research is being led by Bong Wie (Iowa State University) and Brent Barbee (NASA Goddard Space Flight Center), with their “Hypervelocity Asteroid Intercept Vehicle” concept, a two-part spacecraft, designed to operate at very high intercept speeds, utilizing a thermonuclear explosive device to break apart the threatening asteroid.



Wie and Barbee were interviewed by LaRouchePAC at the Fall 2012 NASA Innovative Advanced Concepts (NIAC) Symposium, Nov. 14-15, 2012, held in Hampton, Va. (See, *EIR* Nov. 30, 2012, or [www.LaRouchePAC.com/node/24563](http://www.LaRouchePAC.com/node/24563) for the video.)