



Ames Contractor Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

12:01 start: End time: 12:00

Building N227, Room 304 and Virtual

³⁵₁₇ **NASA Ames Center Management & Operations Updates: Amir Deylami.**

- We had a great group of students stationed at AMES this summer.
- NASA Administrator Pam Melroy came and did her rounds and visited AMES
- Employee feedback is something we are focusing on so please make sure you respond to all surveys.
 - Looking at recognition and burnout.
 - Looking to address findings
- Drew is looking at key resources for safety issues at our site.
- Federal Executive survey – workshop happening tomorrow. We are almost breaking 80% participation.
- Based on feedback, we are doing a better job of aligning the right folks with the right opportunities. We are matching talent and job better than we have before.
- Mission side, we are continuing work through CPI's. Progress is being made, but some areas we are still working on, such as open campus and local infrastructure needs.
- A new Master plan is being work on. The last Master Plan was 8 years ago. We are revitalizing a new plan. Workshops are focusing on items related to the Mission Plan.
- Goals:
 - Horizontal infrastructure is key. Working with 80-year-old structures
 - We do not want to impact our mission because of the old infrastructure.
 - Reduce by square footage in the next 5 years.
 - Open campus

- UC Berkely and space center is in the future (5 years)

³⁵₁₇ Silicon Valley Leadership Meeting on October 18th. Key feature is the space center so if you want to know more about it get connected.

- link: <https://www.svlg.org/events/berkeley-space-center-discovery-and-innovation-in-silicon-valley/?occurrence=2024-10-18>

- Partnerships
- Hanger One plans general R and D, no definite plan is yet established.

³⁵₁₇ **Small Business Specialist: Christine Munroe.**

- **NASA vendor database, make sure everyone should be registered**
<https://www.sba.gov/sba-learning-platform>
- **Another link to get info to: <https://www.sba.gov/sba-learning-platform>**
 - **Learning platform to use to grow your new business**
 - **Make sure you are registered in the ACC website.**
- **Appendix A check it out on the NASA page. Product service line. Which center is doing what requirement. Ames and Armstrong are teaming with Armstrong being the lead. Scroll down to appendix A**
 - <https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/NFS.pdf>
- **Mentor Protégée plan is back, Kari sent out an email announcing it. If interested, please collaborate with your Contracting Officer and your core. Paperwork must be submitted before it goes to Christine.**
- **She wants to meet with the Primes to see whether there are any opportunities. Then she will reach out to contractors.**
- **Stephanie Lewis will not be having the Wednesday training classes in October or November. A new schedule will be sent to Christine, and she will send it out. Here is a link: [Munroe, Christine L. \(ARC-JAB\) \(Unverified\): NASA Enterprise Procurement Strategie...](#)**

³⁵₁₇ **Special Guest: Drew Demo**

- **Public service announcement:**
 - **Two different surveys going on now for civil servants**
 - **Safety survey is open to contractors and civil servants. You can write in comments. Action plans must be put in place based on the feedback.**

³⁵₁₇ **Encourage your team. This is out every two years. We want feedback. Survey closes a week from October 11, 2024.**

³⁵₁₇ **Monday only 7% contractors participated. This is low. Last time it was 49%. We want 70%. We are a long way off.**

³⁵₁₇ **Civil Servants were only 17% too so it is very low as well.**

³⁵₁₇ **PM's need to push this with their teams.**

³⁵₁₇ **We need to know what we are doing well, and what we need to improve link for survey:**

<https://nasa.sharepoint.com/sites/arc/SitePages/Safety-Culture-Survey,-9-%E2%80%93-Oct.-11.aspx>

ACC Business Items:

- Introduction/Approval of Minutes: **Kari Gonter, September 4, 2024**
 - **Motion to approve Jinesh. Seconded by Linda**
- President's Report: **Kari Gonter**
 - We postponed the Golf Tournament until Spring of 2025
 - Next month we usually look to replace our Officers. Please let Kari know if you are interested in a role.
- Vice President's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - **Nothing to report.**
- Secretary Report: **Sandra Rasmussen**
 - **Nothing to report.**
- Treasurer's Report: **Miriam Rahimi**
 - **New email address for treasurer: arc-dl-acctreasurer@mail.nasa.gov**
 - **Access now to PayPal as does Faten**
 - **Old email address will be removed from the website.**
 - **Accounting report reviewed.**
 - **Post box will be set up \$220 fee annually.**

³⁵₁₇ **Committee Reports:**

- **Ames Calendar: Faten Mansour**
 - ³⁵₁₇ Not present
 - Calendars can be presale on the website \$18.00 plus PayPal fee
 - We need everyone's support for this fundraiser.
 - Link: <https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amescontractorcouncil.org%2Fcalendar.html&data=05%7C02%7Ckari.m.gonter%40nasa.gov%7Cc842b0b3451a496e47c108dce22fc6eb%7C7005d45845be48ae8140d43da96dd17b%7C0%7C0%7C638633942043039418%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cYHwllF19ISOCHlxYdIH8N5nS5%2F0bNzllK2oKYrNYKc%3D&reserved=0>
- **Marketing Communications: Renee Mitchell**
 - ³⁵₁₇ **Shutdown the ACC blog and received a refund.**

³⁵/₁₇ **Newsletter is using Constant Contact, so we need to order our own account. The memory was too big for all the images, so Renee needed to upgrade. Cost is \$90.00 a month. Already paying \$50 a month.**

- Cost: \$90.00 a month about \$1,100 a year
- This tool is for marketing purposes. Keep people in the loop.
- This is being put on hold while a small committee of people gather and discuss this cost and effectiveness.

▪ Imagination Foundation: **David Cornelius**

³⁵/₁₇ Nothing to report.

▪ Public Policy: **Saba Hussain**

³⁵/₁₇ Not present.

▪ Safety Outreach: **Mike Weiss/Linda McCahon**

³⁵/₁₇ No updates provided since last month.

▪ ACC Golf Tournament: **Jinesh, Kari, Renee, Faten, Sandra, Craig.**

³⁵/₁₇ Postponed until spring of 2025.

▪ Contractor Excellence Awards: **Debbie Kolyer, on hold.**

³⁵/₁₇ **Not present**

▪ Ames Exchange Council: **Jeffrey Johnson (temp)**

³⁵/₁₇ **Not present**

³⁵/₁₇ New Business:

- Jacobs is no longer doing NASA work new company present at AMES will be Amentum so you will see that change on site.

Submitted by: Sandra Rasmussen

Next Scheduled Meeting:

November 6, 2024