



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2022
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Organization</u> | <u>M/S</u> | <u>Phone</u> |
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Call to Order [11:00] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

David Korsmeyer

- NASA Ames is looking to rescope the nature of our return to onsite work. Goal is to increase site presence from about 33% (800 people) of staff to about 1500 people on site, which is less than the 2500 that were on site pre-COVID.
- The Center Understands guidance given to contractors is unclear at this point, which is because the Center is evaluating how this will work. Ames is asking for patience while they work to sort everything out. Expects it will take a couple months (6-month trial period)
- There is a new Center Associate Director, current CFO Amir Deylami. Amir has been meeting regularly with David Korsmeyer and he will attend the next meeting for a hand off.

Christine Munroe

- Reminder of Website and tools:
 - The updated NASA Office of Small Business Programs website
 - NASA Acquisition Forecast was most recently updated in April 2022 and should have all updated forecasting information.
 - NASA OSPB mobile app has outreach events for HQ, active contract listing and Center goals

Small Business Week Events

| Date | Center | Registration Link |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| May 2-5, 2022 | OSBP – Langley Research Center: | AFCEA Tidewater Integrated Combat Symposium |
| May 3, 2022 | OSBP – Kennedy Space Center | Basics 101: Marketing to the KSC Prime Contractors |
| May 3, 2022 | OSBP – Goddard Space Flight Center | SDVOSB Industry Day |
| May 5-6, 2022 | OSBP – Stennis Space Center | 2nd Annual Aerospace & Defense Industry Conference |

To join the national conversation, sign up for the SBA’s virtual summit: <https://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week/virtual-summit>.

To learn more about the small business program at NASA, visit: www.nasa.gov/osbp

- Ames Research Center Small Business Goals October-March FY22
 - We are not meeting our Small Business goal, but we are meeting the SDB, WOSB, HUBZone and SDVOSB goals

Upcoming OSBP Learning Series

| Date | Event |
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| May 18, 2022 | NASA Product Service Lines: Understanding How to Navigate the New Enterprise Procurement Environment (featuring the Information Technology Product Service Line) |

Upcoming Outreach Events

| Date | Event | Registration Link |
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| May 11, 2022 | NASA Multiple Award Construction Contract (MACCs) | https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasa-multiple-award-construction-contracts-maccs-webinar-registration-311710714137 |

- Mid-Year ISR & SSR Deadlines: Extended due date contractors need to submit to submit in eSRS system is May 10, 2022.

[ACC Business Items](#)

ACC President’s Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the April minutes at 11:24 am.
- Kari and Doug spoke and in future meetings they want to highlight current contractor capabilities.

- o Companies will put together 1-2 slides, providing a high-level overview of company capabilities.
- No objection to Valerie Escobar remaining onboard as ACC Secretary for another term.

ACC Vice President's Report – Doug Bowers

- Doug will put together the template and present the first capability statement at the next meeting.

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$17,852.02
Income: PayPal transfer \$103.24
Expense: \$24.95 for web hosting
- Total ending balance: \$17,930.31
- \$21.17 GoDaddy domain renewal fee was approved by Kari for payment.

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report.

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- We are looking at hosting a happy hour event in June to do a meet and greet with Center Management. Saba is looking at potential venues and will have information to Kari next week.
- April Small Business Committee meeting was cancelled, and the May meeting will be held the last Thursday in May.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Calendars are still available for sale on our website either via PayPal or check payment, Bob is planning to purchase a few more.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new grant requests, at this time.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- The first all private astronaut mission to ISS begins. The new crew composed entirely of private citizens lifted off on April 8th and returned from ISS on April 25th, after more than two weeks in orbit and splashing down off the coast of Florida in a Space-X capsule.
- On April 13th ESA ended lunar cooperation with Russia. The European Space Agency took another step towards ending cooperation with Russia following its invasion of Ukraine. In addition to terminating its role in the ExoMars mission, ESA now is withdrawing from three Russian robotic missions to the Moon and turning to NASA and commercial partners to get the ESA hardware to the lunar surface.
- NASA Administrator Bill Nelson appeared before a US Senate Appropriations subcommittee on Tuesday to discuss NASA's budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. Then, quite unexpectedly, he dropped a bombshell. After his opening remarks, Nelson was asked what, in his opinion, was the biggest threat to NASA's goal of landing humans on the Moon by 2025. Nelson responded that

the agency needed competition in its program to develop a Human Landing System. In other words, he wanted Congress to support NASA's request for funding to develop a second lander alongside SpaceX's Starship vehicle. But Nelson didn't stop there. He said Congress needs to fund this lander contract with a fixed-price award, which only pays companies when they reach milestones. This contracting mechanism is relatively new for the space agency, which traditionally has used "cost-plus" contracts for large development programs

Nelson said, "I believe that that is the plan that can bring us all the value of competition," regarding fixed-price contracts. "You get it done with that competitive spirit. You get it done cheaper, and that allows us to move away from what has been a plague on us in the past, which is a cost-plus contract, and move to an existing contractual price."

- NASA is asking the public to comment on an environmental assessment for its Mars sample return effort. The project, a collaboration with the European Space Agency (ESA), aims to bring to Earth samples gathered by the Perseverance Mars rover, perhaps as early as 2033. Once they're here, scientists in labs around the world will scrutinize them for signs of Mars life and clues about the Red Planet's evolutionary history. Comments are due May 15 either or by mail. The agency also plans to hold two virtual public meetings. The meetings will be Wednesday (May 4) at 3 p.m. EDT (1900 GMT) and Thursday (May 5) at 8 p.m. EDT (0000 GMT on Friday, May 6).

Safety Outreach- Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- During April there were 4 new mishaps:
 - o Vehicle roll-over
 - o Someone tripped over uneven sidewalk
 - o Someone cut a couple fingers on vinyl strapping--opening up a few boxes that were delivered
 - o Wrist pain from repetitive use

ACC Golf Tournament- Mark Rowland

- Kari is going to follow-up to see if a tournament could be held in October. Requesting people to volunteer to assist in the planning of the event.

Contractor Excellence Awards- Debbie Koyler

- Now that we are returning to Center we will begin planning an event.

New Business

- Bob Vermillion Speaking on Counterfeiting to DoD Packaging Engineers May 17, 2022.
- Any suggestions on what people would like to see at future meetings? Are there any speakers that would add value to our meetings? Please send Kari an email of any ideas that people like to see?
- Christine will go over Acquisition Forecast at our June meeting.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on June 1, 2022 at 11 am (PST)