



Ames Contractor Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Building N232, Room 103 and Virtual

Called to order: 11:07 am

³⁵/₁₇ **NASA Ames Center Management & Operations Updates: Amir Deylami.**

- Was not present.

³⁵/₁₇ **Small Business Specialist:** Christine Munroe gave a slide presentation with updates. The slides will be sent out by Kari Gonter. These are some highlights:

- **Dwight Deneal is the new Assistant Admin for the OSBP office**
- **Center metrics** – review the chart with goals and details (**part of slide show**)
 - On the chart, a circle pie chart in blue means we have met our goals
 - We are not meeting our HUBZone and/or Small Business goals at AMES
- **Business week**
 - **Having a virtual summit running yesterday and today**
 - **SBA Training programs are offered on the 2nd Wednesday of each month plus archived presentations are available.**
 - **SBA training had an Update increase SDB goal to 15%**
 - **New program inventory for financial assistance is available so make sure to look at that section on the slides sent out**
 - **Where to find new opportunities is shown in appendix A. Review for up-to-date info.**
 - **NASA VENDOR DATABASE**
 - ³⁵/₁₇ **Asking everyone to register**
 - **Using the mobile app is encouraged**

- **NASA Technology Resources (see slide with all links)**

Special Guest: Todd Pospisil, Director, Office of Procurement NASA Research Center
Kurt Straub, Deputy Director, Office of Procurement NASA Research Center
Lauren Johnson, Acting COCO Ames Research Center, Office of Procurement NASA Research Center

³⁵/₁₇ Office of procurement slides (see slides sent by Kari Gonter)

- What's new?
 - New research centers procurement office structure
 - Competition advocate role transition
 - GSA training
 - Future Cadence/Communication
- Vision: Create, build, and leverage relationships with internal and external customers to develop and execute innovative and streamlined research-based acquisition in support of NASAs mission
 - How often do we want to meet with Procurement? That is something that needs to be decided.
 - New structure will not affect the day-to-day process.
 - The bulk of the changes are in the leadership.
 - See new org chart in the slides.
 - Q & A:

³⁵/₁₇ **ACC Business Items:**

- Introduction/Approval of Minutes: **Kari Gonter, April 3, 2024**
 - **Motion made and passed**
- President's Report: **Kari Gonter**
- Vice President's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - **Nothing to report**
- Secretary Report: **Sandra Rasmussen**
- Treasurer's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - **Nothing to report**

³⁵/₁₇ Committee Reports:

- **Small Business: Saba Hussain / Miriam Rahimi**
 - ³⁵/₁₇ **The committee met and it was decided to put the committee on hold and that our focus would be to build interest in the Ames Contractor Council.**
- **Ames Calendar: Faten Mansour**
 - ³⁵/₁₇ The theme will be Service what types of services they offer. Advertising for your company.
- **Marketing Communications: Renee Mitchell**
 - ³⁵/₁₇ Renee has offered to continue working on the newsletter.
 - ³⁵/₁₇ If you have info send it to Renee so that she can have fresh content.
 - ³⁵/₁₇ A motion was made for Renee to get funds for the software to create the newsletter .

- **Imagination Foundation: David Cornelius**

³⁵/₁₇ Nothing to report, no new applications.

- **Public Policy: Jinesh Jain**

³⁵/₁₇ **Nothing to report.**

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

³⁵/₁₇ We have had more accidents recently.

³⁵/₁₇ Be mindful to watching interns as the season for interns are coming

- **ACC Golf Tournament: Jinesh Jain, Kari Gonter, Renee Mitchell,**

³⁵/₁₇ Craig Burkhardt has volunteered to help along with the committee.

- **Contractor Excellence Awards: Debbie Kolyer**

³⁵/₁₇ **No report**

- **Ames Exchange Council: Jinesh Jain**

³⁵/₁₇ **New Business:**

- Next meeting may be at a different location. It will be decided prior to our next meeting

³⁵/₁₇ **Adjourn: 12:15 pm**

³⁵/₁₇ **Submitted by: Sandra Rasmussen**

Next Scheduled Meeting:

June 5, 2024

Virtual Invitation will be sent.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pacific

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