



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

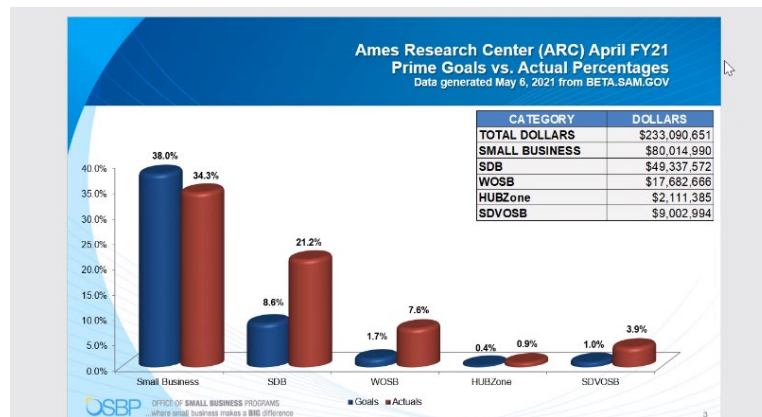
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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe, NASA Small Business

- The nasa.gov/osbp website has been updated.
- There is a new option to subscribe to the mailing list, in addition to the NASA vendor database.
- Ames Small Business Goals:



- Upcoming Outreach Events
 - Northwest Aerospace Defense Conference is being held next week.
 - Christine will be attending the “Doing Business with Federal Agencies” in July

David Korsmeyer, NASA Ames Associate Director for Research and Technology

- At 12pm (PST) today, the NASA Administrator is going to give his comments on the 2022 NASA budget, which is at \$24.8 billion, an increase of about \$1.5 billion over last year. It is a really excellent budget for NASA. In addition to the budget discussion, the Administrator will also discuss how he is trying to get additional Congressional support through the Potential Future Jobs Infrastructure Bill to repair some of the NASA facilities (including buildings at Ames).
- There is a push on Procurement side of the house to make sure we are properly tracking diversity, equity and inclusion goals.
- We are looking to go to onsite work sometime later this year. Ames is currently at Stage 3 in the NASA infrastructure, and we can only have 25% of our workforce on site at any given time and personnel onsite have to be associated with a clear Return to Onsite Work Plan. Ames is planning to move to Stage 2, where work will be managed by the Organizations (Code T, Code S, Code A, etc.), and this will be done no earlier than June 15th to align with CA state re-opening guidelines. Ames is also waiting on a change to a Federal Executive Order—which limits personnel on site to no more than 25% of the workforce. When both of these align, Ames is planning to move to Stage 2 and the occupancy limits increase to about 50% of the workforce being allowed on Center.
- Imagine Ames 2.0 is being rolled out next week, focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion. A Centerwide Announcement will be coming soon.

Yuri Dyson, SBA Procurement Center Representative (OR/ID/SW WA & NorCal)

- HUBZone Small Business Program: fuels small business growth in historically underutilized business zones with a goal of awarding at least 3% of federal contract dollars to HUBZone certified companies each year.
- Sba.gov/hubzone: The website has a link which shows where all the HUBZones are located throughout the US.
- If you know of any HUBZone qualified firms or firms that have been struggling to maintain their qualification or if you are a Prime wanting to look for HUBZones to help with you your subcontracting plan, please reach out to Yuri or the SBA District Offices to help locate these firms.
- Ms. Yuri Dyson: yuri.dyson@sba.gov

[ACC Business Items](#)

ACC President’s Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the May Minutes at 11:31 am.
- Summary of meeting with Steven Hunt (ARC Records Management): A lot of the contractors are not complying with required SATERN testing or off-boarding protocols.
 - Part of the problem is many contractors no longer have access to NASA email and therefore are not receiving training notifications, if you are part of the group that is experiencing this issue please send Kari or Sandra an email.

- o Kari is going to send out notifications when NASA training has been assigned to assist contractors who may not have access to NASA mail and are missing training announcements.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$15,058.49
 - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)
- Total Net income: \$15,033.54

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Small Business Showcase: There was a meeting at the last Small Business Committee meeting, looking to start the showcase in the July/August time frame. This is open to current Prime/Sub contractors who have an existing contract at Ames.
 - o Small Businesses will be given a power point template for their presentation
- Joint Counseling: There will be a discussion to decide if it would be better to have companies present their capability statements separate from the ACC monthly meeting. This will be a topic at the board of directors meeting later this week.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report, but if anybody has any photos they would like to share, please send over to Renee.

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new requests for grants at this time.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- On May 20, 2021 NASA released its FY22 budget request and there is an increase of \$6.3 billion over FY21
- On May 5, SpaceX managed to land its prototype Starship rocket at its Texas base without blowing it up on Wednesday, the first time in five attempts it has succeeded in doing so. The rocket, with modified design, took off at around 5:25 pm local time from the Starbase in Boca Chica in southern Texas, reached an altitude of 10 kilometers (6 miles) and performed a series of maneuvers, including a horizontal descent called a “belly flop.”
- May 27th Ingenuity took flight for the 6th time, which proved to be more stressful than the other flights. Things went well at first. But 54 seconds into the flight, Ingenuity suffered a glitch that interrupted the flow of images from its navigation camera to its onboard computer. "This glitch caused a single image to be lost, but more importantly, it resulted in all later navigation images being delivered with inaccurate timestamps," Grip wrote. Ingenuity pitched and rolled more than 20 degrees at some points during the flight, Grip wrote, and experienced spikes in power consumption. But the helicopter managed to power through the anomaly, eventually landing safely within about 16 feet (5 m) of its intended touchdown spot

- On May 27th The Government Accountability Office (GAO) warned that NASA's Artemis program to get astronauts back on the Moon by 2024 is overly ambitious and its accelerated schedule makes it less likely to succeed.
- President Biden's budget request for the U.S. Space Force is \$17.5 billion, a \$2.1 billion increase, of which half is due to programs transferring in from other services. That is a tiny percentage of the overall Air Force request of \$156.3 billion, but Space Force officials proudly reiterate that they will keep this new military service small, agile and digital.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- The Center has changed its position for onsite work, vaccinated people do not need to socially distance or wear a mask. The problem is, Code Q still has signs up everywhere that masks are required. The email that was sent out clearly states Ames' position on masks and social distancing but the signage is out of date and personnel are unsure which guidance to follow.
 - o Center is currently assessing all locations to determine which locations on Center will still require masks regardless of vaccination status.

ACC Golf Tournament– Mark Rowland

- Received inquiries from places asking if we are looking for a place to host, as well as people who are looking to attend.

New Business

- There will be an officer and Board of Directions meeting on Friday June 4th to discuss the Small Business Showcase.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on July 7, 2021 at 11 am (PST).