



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:00] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe

- On June 21st Glenn is going to have their small business townhall meeting, it is open to all centers and requires registration.
- Small Business Goals:
 - Agency is currently not making any of their small business goals (Small Business, SDB, WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB)
 - NASA Ames is currently making all their small business goals (Small Business, SDB, WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB)
- Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO) Training “Second Wednesday” FY 23: To get on the email invitation list, email Stephanie.Lewis@sba.gov
 - June 14,2023: Dynamic Small Business Search
 - July 12, 2023: Completing the SSR (for individual plan holders)
 - August 9, 2023: Completing the SSR (for commercial plans)
 - September 13, 2023: Obtaining Subcontractors’ Size Representations

- Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:
 - June 21-22: Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development's Nevada APEX Accelerator Las Vegas, NV (Need to register by June 17th)
 - June 29, 2023: NorCal Federal Small Business Professionals Panel
 - August 24, 2023: NorCal Federal Small Business Professionals Panel

Jules Clayton: Secretary of NASA LaRC Contractor Steering Council

- Purpose: Encourage communication and collaboration across all of NASA's OCIO IT contractors, they are specifically focused on IT
- They provide information on the needs of the OCIO, upcoming procurements, objectives, and business development opportunities.
- The council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm EST via TEAMS

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the May minutes at 11:17 am.

ACC Vice President's Report – Vince DeFrancisci

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$18,565.70
Expense: \$24.95 (web hosting)
- Total ending balance: \$18,540

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- No Report.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Please continue to think of ideas for the theme of our 2024 calendar.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report.

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- Debra Demas, a physics teacher at Santa Clara HS is requesting up to \$2,000 for transportation (bus) funds for two groups of about 30 students, one to visit NASA Ames, the other to visit Stanford SLAC. The students are in grades 10-12. Some are in conceptual physics, some are in AP Physics 1, and some are in AP Physics 2. The field trips would be in March of 2024. The tours are free, but the schools don't have money for transportation. She has also provided a bus quote for a prior field trip for reference (does not have quotes for the 2024 trips yet) that is comparable in

cost to what we've seen in our other bus requests - \$30-40 per person for the day. So each bus would roughly cost \$1,000, and the request is for actual costs up to \$2,000 from the ACC-- **We voted on this and approved \$2,000.00 for this venture.**

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- On May 8th China's uncrewed and reusable space plane thought to be similar to the US X-37B, returned after 276 days in space. Both China and the US are highly secretive about these aircrafts and what they do while they are in space, but lengthy mission durations seem to be part of the plan.
- Two top Senate Republicans on NASA's authorizing committee slammed NASA for following Biden Administration directives on diversity and requiring contractors to report greenhouse gas emissions. Senators Ted Cruz and Eric Schmitt charged that NASA is becoming politicized. NASA's Administrator pushed back and insisted that NASA is managed on a non-partisan basis.
- NASA ready to announce second Human Lunar Lander winner-Blue Origin Team wins 2nd fixed price contract. Like the deal signed with SpaceX in 2021, it is a public-private partnership where companies share development costs with the government and retain ownership of the systems where the government.
- Despite concerns that it might take as long as a week, the Senate quickly passed the bill suspending the debt limit and imposing budget caps to reduce the deficit on June 1st.
- The Independent Review Board established by NASA to look into what happened with the Psyche asteroid mission last year is giving JPL high marks for how it is responding to the recommendations.

Safety Outreach- Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- During May there were 5 mishaps: injured finger on a doorlatch, strained back moving boxes, repetitive injury, dust inhalation, water contamination in compressed dry lab.

ACC Golf Tournament- Kari Gonter and Trey Croom

- Trey reached out to courses in the area and Moffett was the most responsive and deemed to be the best option.
- Trey and Kari are going to go over pricing offline, average price is \$120/player but that could change depending on food options.

Contractor Excellence Awards- Debbie Koyler

- Planning continues for a remote ceremony. Aiming to hold the ceremony in the September/October timeframe.

New Business

- Have we thought about a Contractor equivalent of the FEVS?
 - o This was brought up previously and further discussion will be held offline.
- Please let Kari know if there are any requests for speakers at future meetings.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:38 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on July 12, 2023, at 11 am (PST).