



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
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Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:02] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe, NASA Small Business

- Christine is attending the Arizona PTAC event. As a reminder to large businesses, if there are any upcoming opportunities for your company that you would like Christine to look for, please let her know.
- There is an outreach event being held May 17-19. There was a previous event at JSC, and the award winner of that event will be visiting Ames (virtually) to discuss their concept.

David Korsmeyer, NASA Ames Associate Director for Research and Technology

- Thank you to all the contractor organizations and staff for the excellent support that was provided during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- 716 (about 25% of Ames workforce) people participated in getting their second COVID vaccination shot through Ames this past Monday.
- NASA Ames is still at Stage 3: Only Mission Critical work is allowed on site and the intent is to keep capacity under 25% while onsite. Ames is not planning to transition to Stage 2 anytime very soon. They are waiting on the surrounding communities (Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, etc.) to all reach the "yellow tier." Stage 2 will bring more freedom to bring more staff on site, as it will be

directed by the Organization rather than the Center. Ames is still planning to stay at 25-33% capacity while in Stage 2 operations.

- NASA is still under an Executive Order that requires masks to be worn on site. Even though the CDC has changed their overall guidance with respect to vaccinations and the necessity to wear masks, as a Federal Agency it is expected that masks are worn 100% of the time when personnel are onsite at Ames.
- There are several months of work ahead to clean and re-validation that the buildings are safe for people to come in. This effort will be done in stages, and is currently in the planning process. There will be an announcement made once a decision has been made. There is hope that by the fall there will be a more significant population on site at Ames.

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the April Minutes (as corrected) at 11:15 am.
- A decision was made off-line that the additional 2 domain names discussed at the last meeting are not needed and will not be renewed.
- Does anybody have a suggestion on how the ACC news items should be disseminated?
 - o Not possible to include a link on the website
 - o Kari could batch the announcements and send to the distribution list weekly
 - o Should Kari stop sending, since most people are signed up for small business announcements?

Resolution: Keep status quo. Kari will continue sending out emails as they are received, since sometimes notification is received on the day of the event.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$15,083.44
 - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)
- Total Net income: \$15,058.49

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- April minutes were corrected to change type-o on Page 2, "NACE" was changed to "NACIS", and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Monthly or Quarterly Joint-Counseling Sessions are being considered to showcase small businesses who want to do business at Ames.
 - o Are we going to restart the Small Business Showcase?
- We have presentation today from Chugach Government Solutions, presented by Genevieve Burkett

- o Chugach Government Solutions is an Alaskan native corporation (www.chugachgov.com). They have 2,700 shareholders and are headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska and has 5,000+ employees worldwide (500 of which are in the corporate office, the others are working on various contract sites). They are classified as a Small, Disadvantaged business when performing work as a subcontractor.
- o Portfolio:
 - Technical IT: Work from networking to turn-key systems
 - Enterprise Network/IT, Industrial Control Systems/SCADA, Video Technology
 - Key Customers: DoD, Army, Air Force Navy, Marines, Coast Guard
 - Facilities Services: Comprehensive services from environmental to base operations support.
 - Facilities O&M, Maintenance, Repair, Alteration, and Construction and Real Property Facilities, Logistics Support, Airfield Operations and Management, Hospital
 - Key Customers: DoD, Army, Air Force Navy, Marines. Are happy to also work as a subcontractor
 - Construction: The focus is on areas where there is a remote requirement or high security buildings.
 - General Construction, Design-Build, Top Secret Clearances to work at sensitive sites, Man Camp, SCIF Construction, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection
 - Key Customers: US Fish and Wildlife Services, NASA
 - Education: Currently, mostly focused on the Department of Education
 - Curriculum Development, Technical and Professional Training, Workforce Development, Quality Assurances
- o Chugach Government Solutions' presentation will be made available of the ACC website.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report, but if anybody has anything they would like to share on the blog, 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 3rd NASA suspended the HLS contract with Space-X. The Human Landing System contract (HLS) was awarded to Space-X on April 16th when NASA announced they would be the aerospace company working on the moon lander. But on the 30th of April, NASA suspended the contract, due to the other two competitors, Blue Origin and Dynetics filed protests with the Government Accountability Office (GAO). NASA issued a stop order until GAO resolves the matter.
- NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter got a new assignment today. Designed as a technology demonstrator simply to prove it could fly on Mars, NASA is so delighted with the results that now Ingenuity will move into an operational role supporting the Perseverance rover as it begins its

scientific exploration of the Red Planet. Ingenuity completed its fourth flight today. NASA was planning a total of five over a 30-day period to test the tiny helicopter's capabilities. The flights have gone so well that all the test objectives were achieved in just three. Today's flight, and the fifth, expected this week, are basically bonuses allowing project engineers to fly faster and further to see what happens.

- Vice President Kamala Harris will chair the National Space Council.
- On Monday May 3rd, Vice President Kamala Harris officially swore in former Senator, Bill Nelson, as the new NASA Administrator. He took the moon rock from NASA's Apollo 16 mission to the ceremony and sat it on a table next to him. Former NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden was able to attend in person, while Jim Bridenstine attended virtually.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- The Center is still in Stage 3, and it isn't likely that will change until the state opens up mid-June.
- There has been an uptick in mishaps in the past month on Center, please share with staff and keep up the safety awareness.

New Business

- NASA Vendor database is still available. Please make sure your Company information is updated in the database as well on the ACC website.
- Would like to coordinate meeting with officers and board to discuss the joint counseling sessions.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on June 2, 2021 at 11 am (PST).