



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

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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe: NASA Representative

- Effective October 1, 2020 there was an update to new dollar thresholds in FAR:

	Other than Manufacturing		Manufacturing	
	Previous	New	Previous	New
Sole Source Thresholds				
8(a)	\$4.0 million	\$4.5 million	\$7.0 million	\$7.5 million
Women-Owned SB	\$4.0 million	\$4.5 million	\$6.5 million	\$7.0 million
HUBZone SB	\$4.0 million	\$4.5 million	\$7.0 million	\$7.5 million
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned SB	\$4.0 million	\$4.0 million	\$6.5 million	\$7.0 million

	Other than Construction		Construction	
	Previous	New	Previous	New
Subcontracting Plan Threshold	\$700,000	\$750,000	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved October Minutes at 11:05am.
- David Korsmeyer, Associate Director of Research and Technology will be taking over for Ron Brade and will begin attending monthly ACC meetings starting in December. Kari plans to meet with David Korsmeyer in the next couple weeks, prior to our December meeting.
- Kari to follow-up with Mark Rowland regarding the golf tournament, and how we will be proceeding this year.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$20, 333.14
 - o \$300.00 for Wix.com (annual renewal fee)
 - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)
 - o The Imagination Foundation grant of \$2,000 will be sent to Grail family this month.
- Total Net income: \$20,308.19

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Small Business Committee is trying to set a meeting on November 10th to discuss the slides and how to present the small business showcase.
- Send message to Saba or Jasmine if you are able to attend so they can estimate attendance.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- No report

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No additional requests received yet for Imagination Foundation funds. We are expecting the Ames Early Career Network to submit 1-2 requests in the near future, based on our recommendations from the last meeting

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- International cooperation on and around the Moon as part of the Artemis program is taking a step forward with the signing of the Artemis Accords between NASA and several partner countries (Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the United States of America). NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said, “With today’s signing, we are uniting with our partners to explore the Moon and are establishing vital principles that will create a safe, peaceful, and prosperous future in space for all of humanity to enjoy.” While NASA is leading the Artemis program, which includes sending the first woman and next man to the surface of the Moon in 2024, international partnerships will play a key role in achieving a sustainable and robust presence on the Moon. Mike Gold, NASA Acting Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations, said it best “The Artemis journey is to the Moon, but the destination of the Accords is a peaceful and prosperous future.”
- On October 21, 2020 President Trump signed the PROSWIFT space weather bill into law, but an accompanying signing statement expressed a number of caveats. Not only does the President consider certain sections to be a limitation on his discretion to conduct foreign affairs, but he also objects to what he calls the bill’s failure to address the resilience of national security assets or critical infrastructure. President Trump noted, “Without ensuring the resilience of these assets, our Nation will remain vulnerable to the effects of space weather, regardless of how accurate forecasting becomes.”

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- There is a new Code Q interim directive about the requirements for face masks, detailing the specific types of masks you can use on Center and the types of masks that have been deemed unacceptable (bandanas, handkerchiefs, towels, face shields, etc.).
- Most employees are observed wearing their masks, except when alone in their office and that is the only time they should be without their mask.

ACC Golf Tournament –Mark Rowland

- No Report

Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen

- Sandra, Faten and Deborah have decided that in lieu of a virtual event it, companies will be able to nominate an individual or Team. The nominees would be able to share their story and accomplishments on the ACC blog along with pictures.
- Initially the thought was to allow 10 nominations, 1 per company. Deborah is going to check with Rene to figure out what works best for the blog.

New Business

- Please send any contractor updates to Faten so we can make sure the ACC website remains current.
- A Board of Directors meeting needs to be scheduled.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:23 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on December 2, 2020 at 11 am.