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3RD ANNUAL 2010 NASA SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS CEREMONY



The 3rd Annual NASA Small Business Symposium and Awards Ceremony offered several “firsts” for attendees, which conference evaluation analysis indicates enhanced the overall event experience.

For the first time,

Administrator Bolden opened the symposium with welcome remarks to attendees. Administrator Bolden’s participation in the symposium and his continued support of the Agency’s small business program demonstrate a top-down commitment to fostering healthy relationships with current and future small businesses.

Another first for the annual symposium was the addition of the NASA Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement (SEWP) Program Office of Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). The SEWP
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THE 3RD ANNUAL NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 1, 2010, AT THE MARRIOTT BETHESDA NORTH HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER IN BETHESDA, MD.

The event was a success and attracted more than 300 Government and industry attendees. Symposium attendees learned about the skills, resources, and technologies needed to aid the Agency’s missions, programs, and research. They

also had an opportunity to hear from the U.S. Small Business Administration and other Federal agencies, as well as prime contractor representatives.

The event offered a variety of discussion topics with messages from top NASA officials, including Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr.; Deputy Administrator Lori B. Garver; Chief Technologist Dr. Robert D. Braun; and Chief Information Officer Linda Y. Cureton. Also, former NASA Glenn Research Center Director Dr. Julian Earls provided a rousing luncheon speech to encourage attending business owners.

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SBS SPOTLIGHT



DAVID BROCK SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE (SBO)

David E. Brock has been selected as the 2010 NASA Small Business Specialist of the Year for the exemplary support he provided in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the NASA Small Business (SB) Program at Marshall

Space Flight Center (MSFC). Under his leadership, the MSFC Small Business Program has gained national recognition and is considered one of the very best small business programs across NASA and the Federal Government. This was proven in 2009, when MSFC was presented with the first Administrator's Cup Award for having the best SB program in NASA. Under his strategic guidance and leadership, a model program has been developed at MSFC establishing a standard of excellence by which other NASA Center SB programs are following to improve their own programs. The new model moves the Center away from a strictly regulatory-based program to one of advocacy and concentrates heavily on creative participation in outreach; sharing of useful information; and SB Program training of acquisition, technical, and prime contractor personnel. A brief summary of his contributions to the program in 2010 follows:

- Initiated the planning and coordination of three Marshall Small Business Alliance meetings.

- Worked closely with prime contractor representatives in the planning and coordination of monthly joint counseling sessions.
- Provided strategic guidance and direction to the ongoing activities of the Marshall Prime Contractor Supplier Council (MPCSC) and Small Business Executive Leadership Team.
- Initiated the planning and coordination of several SB training events at MSFC, MPCSC, and Small Business Specialist Council meetings.
- Created advocacy support internally through the utilization of MSFC SB Coordinators and Procurement Small Business Action Teams.
- Initiated the planning and coordination of special congressionally sponsored and technology-specific outreach events.
- Provided oversight on competitive outcomes resulting in significant increases in MSFC directs and subcontracting dollars.
- Initiated the creation of new and innovative marketing resources for SB concerns pursuing procurement opportunities at MSFC.
- Implemented an initiative to work closely with Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions.
- Worked closely with prime contractor management teams in promoting the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program. His efforts resulted in the creation of three new Mentor-Protégé Agreements under MSFC contracts in FY 2010.

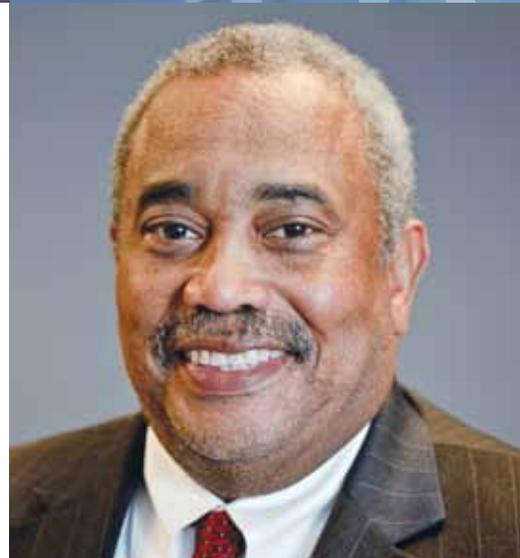
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Program Office provides the latest in Information Technology (IT) products for all Federal agencies. At the symposium, the SEWP Program Office participated in one-on-one sessions as well as business-to-business networking. To learn more about the SEWP Program Office, visit <http://www.sewp.nasa.gov/>.

A new offering to attendees was the option to participate in one-on-one sessions during the first day of the symposium. The sessions were created to be an effective business tool to establish relationships between small businesses and NASA Center Small Business Specialists. Companies that registered for a one-on-one session had the opportunity to meet with up to two NASA Center Small Business Specialists to discuss potential opportunities at the Center. Additionally, businesses were able to meet

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AA'S CORNER

As the calendar year comes to a close, I reflect upon all the events and successes that have occurred this year. The establishment and implementation of NASA Form 1787, "Small Business Coordination," was a major milestone. Now the entire Agency will utilize the same form to coordinate and standardize the documentation of the acquisition strategy for all procurements greater than \$100,000 with very few exceptions. Approximately 400 personnel completed the Small Business Training for the Acquisition Professional, which received such outstanding evaluations from the participants that we ordered several more classes to be presented. On March 9, 2010, the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program awarded the Boeing Company an award fee under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) pilot program. This new aspect of the Mentor-Protégé Program provides an award fee to NASA large prime contractors that assist small businesses with SBIR phase II contracts to mature the technology that will greatly benefit our mission. NASA is encouraging all of our mentors to participate in this aspect of the program. In April, NASA was the host agency for the 20th Annual Federal Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Expo held in Chantilly, VA. Over 62 Federal agencies and 3,500 participants attended the event, where Administrator Bolden was the opening speaker. The annual SBIR meeting, which occurred in June at Glenn Research Center (GRC), included for the first time personnel from the Office of the Chief Technologist. The inclusion of personnel from this office greatly enhanced the process by offering insight into the direction the Agency will take in the future, which allowed the group to incorporate that direction into FY11 initiatives.

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SMALL BUSINESS GRAMS



NASA ADMINISTRATOR AT SMALL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr., showed his support once again for the Agency's small business program by providing the opening for the 3rd Annual NASA Small Business Symposium and Awards Ceremony. Administrator Bolden addressed several key issues critical to the vision of the Agency, including the following:

- The 2010 Authorization Act as signed into law by President Obama in October 2010
- Industry's role in meeting the challenges of acquisition and procurement reform
- NASA-industry partnership in operationalizing commercial space activities
- Status of remaining Shuttle missions (STS-133, -134, and -135)

The Administrator invited symposium attendees to participate in the opening ceremony through a brief Q&A period that followed his opening remarks.

Prior to the opening ceremony, Administrator Bolden took time to congratulate and meet with Small Business Advocates Award winners, Small Business Industry Award winners, and those NASA Centers who exceeded the statutory 3 percent Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business category for both FY09 and FY10. The Administrator also took photos with the honorees, members of the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard of the Military District of Washington, and Singing Sergeant Julia Brundage of the United States Air Force Band.



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In the July timeframe, the U.S. Small Business Administration issued every Federal agency a scorecard for FY09. NASA received a grade of "C." Of course this did not make me happy, and for the first time under my tenure, NASA failed to meet our assigned goal. Our goal was 15.35 percent, and we achieved 15.03 percent. Currently it appears that we will also receive a grade of "C" again for FY10. So it is very important that we do all we can to balance the Agency mission and our socioeconomic goals.

We just recently held our 3rd Annual Small Business Symposium and Awards Ceremony, where we recognized our industry partners that were selected as the best companies at each NASA Center and the NASA civil servants who went above and beyond in supporting the NASA small business program. I want to recognize and personally thank the Procurement Team of the Year from Ames, the Multiple Award Construction Contract Team; the Technical Person of the Year, also from Ames, Mr. Al Bowers; the Program Team of the Year from Dryden Flight Research Center, the Construction of Facilities Team; and last but not least by any means, Mr. David Brock, the NASA Small Business Specialist of the Year from MSFC. I would also like to recognize the Agency-Level Industry Award Winners: Small Business of the Year, a.i. solutions, Inc., from GSFC; Small Business Subcontractor of the Year, Fiber Materials, Inc., from Johnson Space Center; and Large Business of the Year, Boeing, doing work at Kennedy Space Center.

Based on the hard work of all the Agency acquisition personnel and the Center Small Business Specialists, I was honored to be awarded NASA's second highest award, the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal. The Congressional Black Caucus also honored me with the 2010 Small Business Champion Living Legends award. I am truly grateful and humbled by these awards and understand that it was entirely an Agency effort.

NASA was asked to brief the White House small business procurement group headed by Ms. Valerie Jarrett, senior adviser to President Obama, on January 10. More to follow in next quarterly newsletter.

I also want to say goodbye to one of the biggest supporters of the NASA Small Business Program, Mr. Charles Scales, who recently retired. He will be greatly missed; I wish him all the best in his retirement.

To all, I hope you had a very safe and happy holiday season and have a very good 2011. And remember, at NASA, small business makes a BIG difference.

GLENN A. DELGADO
ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR
NASA OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS HIGHLIGHT

2010 AGENCY-LEVEL SMALL BUSINESS PRIME CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

a.i. solutions, Inc.

Headquartered in Lanham, MD, a.i. solutions, Inc., is a small business provider of innovative engineering and IT services that supports the Nation's space community. Since the company's first contract with GSFC in 1996, a.i. solutions has grown into a mature small business of more than 200 engineering, science, and IT professionals working in Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Colorado, California, Alabama, Arizona, and Washington, DC. The company supports the Nation's space and defense programs, providing results and cost savings for its customers, which include NASA, the Missile Defense Agency, the U.S. Air Force, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The

company's capabilities include satellite navigation, flight dynamics, IT security, information assurance, space operations, satellite ground systems, missile systems, and launch vehicle engineering.

In a.i. solutions' 14-year history, it has supported more than 250 piloted and robotic missions and programs. The company is the creator of the commercial-off-the-shelf space and mission analysis software FreeFlyer, which is used by both civilian and military space agencies for flight dynamics analysis and operations. The company has developed innovative, customized tools to solve some of the more unique challenges facing its industry, such as an automated collision risk assessment system that provides daily collision risk analysis and mitigation for all NASA robotic missions.

Many of a.i. solutions' achievements have been in support of NASA programs at GSFC, Kennedy Space Center (KSC), and NASA Headquarters. The company supports several contracts at Goddard, providing systems engineering and flight dynamics analysis from mission formulation and concept study through spacecraft operations and disposal. The company operates the Flight Dynamics Facility—a 24/7

multimission Satellite operations center that supports human space flight, expendable launch vehicles, and spacecraft payload missions.

The company's staff has earned many NASA individual, group, and team awards, including Space Flight Awareness, the Silver Snoopy, and the Robert H. Goddard Honor Award. Corporately, the company has maintained a steady growth rate of 15 percent each year of its history. The company proactively pursued and received International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2008 and AS9100 certification—establishing effective, repeatable processes that have enabled a.i. solutions to consistently meet schedule and cost requirements with no overruns. The company attracts and retains high-end professionals at a rate that far exceeds industry standards, and its reputation as a mature and reliable small business has made it a sought-after team partner by large prime contractors. The company's outstanding achievements as a small business have laid the foundation for a.i. solutions to make significant contributions to U.S. space endeavors for years to come.

Please visit the company's Web site at <http://www.ai-solutions.com>.

2010 AGENCY-LEVEL SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

Fiber Materials, Inc.

Fiber Materials, Inc. (FMI), a privately owned small business in Biddeford, ME, is a leader in the research, development, and manufacture of advanced high-temperature composite materials for defense, aerospace, and commercial industries. FMI continues to develop reinforced composites with successful applications in strategic missile systems and space reentry vehicles. FMI remains active in materials and technology development through NASA and Department of Defense Small Business Innovation Research programs, several of which have matured to flight-readiness and system-level demonstration.

In collaboration with NASA, prime contractor Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company (LMSSC), and propulsion prime contractor ATK Tactical Propulsion and Controls Division, FMI supplied carbon/carbon-silicon carbide ceramic matrix composite valve components to support the Orion Launch Abort System Attitude Control Motor. These components have been successfully demonstrated in multiple subsystem ground tests at ATK in Elkton, MD. On May 6, 2010, a fully integrated Launch Abort System (Pad Abort-1) was successfully flight-tested at White Sands Missile Range, NM.

In support of the development of ablative Thermal Protection System (TPS) materials for NASA, FMI was contracted in 1995 for lightweight ceramic ablaters. This program leveraged FMI's FiberForm commercial insulation to create Phenolic Impregnated Carbon Ablator (PICA), a TPS material capable of carrying heat away from a space vehicle during atmospheric reentry.

As a result of this program, FMI, contracted by LMSSC, produced a PICA heat shield for the Stardust Sample Return Capsule. In October 1997, FMI delivered a 1-meter-diameter, one-piece PICA heat shield. The Stardust capsule was launched in February 1999 and returned to Earth in January 2006 after collecting cosmic matter from the tail of comet Wild 2. During the return to Earth, the FMI heat shield performed successfully. It protected the capsule and its contents during the fastest atmospheric reentry of a humanmade object. In 2008, the capsule and heat shield were installed in the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

Following the successful return of the Stardust capsule, FMI, in partnership with Boeing, was selected for the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle TPS Phase I and Phase II Advanced Development Program. By June 2007, FMI and Boeing had manufactured and delivered a full-scale PICA Manufacturing Demonstration Unit heat shield. This led to another heat shield manufacturing effort under contract to LMSSC. In 2008, FMI manufactured and delivered 145 heat shield tiles composing the Mars Science Laboratory Aeroshell TPS. This flight heat shield will protect the NASA rover Curiosity during its entry and descent into the Mars atmosphere. Mission launch is currently scheduled for late 2011.

For further information, please visit the company's Web site at <http://www.fibermaterialsinc.com>.

2010 AGENCY-LEVEL LARGE BUSINESS PRIME CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

The Boeing Company (KSC)

The Boeing Company—Space Exploration, headquartered in Houston, TX, is a leading provider of human space flight and space exploration systems and services. Since the dawn of the Space Age, Boeing has designed, developed, built, and operated human and robotic space vehicles as well as supporting hardware. The Boeing legacy began with the X-15; spanned Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab; and continues with the Space Shuttle and International Space Station (ISS). Space Exploration, a division within Boeing Defense, Space, and Security's Network and Space Systems business, employs approximately 3,200 people in Alabama, California, Florida, and Texas.

Boeing's successful 2010 small business (SB) initiatives include the Boeing Engineering and Technical Services procurement. This is an ISS small business set-aside, valued at \$110 million over 5 years. The five winning SBs were announced on July 2, 2010. Boeing also conducted the following small business forums: the Boeing Intelligence & Security System Supplier Conference, held in April in Arlington, VA, with 80 SB attendees; the High-Technology Forum, held in June in Huntington Beach, CA, with 160 SB attendees; and the 3rd Annual Boeing Aerospace Supplier Diversity Symposium, held in August in Seattle, WA, with 250 SB attendees.

Key Programs:

Exploration Launch Systems: Boeing is the prime contractor for the Ares I upper stage and instrument unit avionics. The upper stage is the second stage of the rocket. The avionics are the "brains" of Ares I and provide guidance, navigation, and control for the rocket until it reaches orbit. Although the program is expected to be terminated as a result of NASA's new direction, Boeing hopes to play a role in the formulation of plans for a heavy-lift launch vehicle that is being considered for the future and that will leverage NASA's investment in the Constellation Program.

Checkout, Assembly and Payload Processing Services (CAPPS):

Boeing holds NASA's CAPPS contract, which provides payload processing for the Space Shuttle, the ISS, expendable launch vehicles, and other payload programs at Kennedy Space Center, FL. Boeing employees provide technical, facilities, and engineering support to ensure payload readiness for launch.



1. Glenn Delgado, Joan Robinson-Berry, Larry Third, Dave Nance, Debbie Melvin, Mark Jager, Dudley Cannon, Lori Garver, Kevin Howard.
2. Glenn Delgado, Spencer Tollis, Mark Lippold, Lori Garver.
3. Glenn Delgado, Daryl Carrington, Jeff Dibble, Mark Roberts, Robert Sperling, Lori Garver.

SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION RECOGNITION

As part of the NASA Small Business Awards Ceremony, Mr. Glenn A. Delgado, Associate Administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, presented the Small Business Champion trophy to NASA Deputy Associate Administrator Mr. Charles H. Scales.

Mr. Scales was recognized for having made significant contributions to the NASA Small Business Program. He has been an advocate and champion since 2006, showing his support at all of the annual Small Business Improvement Plan Meetings and small business outreach events at a moment's notice.

Mr. Scales's advocacy of the small business program at outreach events has often been displayed through his participation in small business counseling sessions at the National Veterans Conference and small business roundtable discussions.

Mr. Delgado encouraged symposium attendees to let Mr. Scales's faith and support be an inspiration to the achievements of small business as a contributor to NASA's mission and vision.

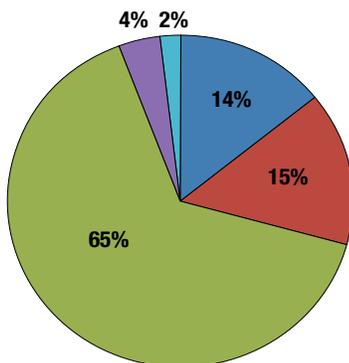


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with the SEWP Contracts Manager from GSFC. One-on-one sessions took place on November 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lasted approximately 15 minutes each. Approximately 151 sessions were filled.

The NASA Office of Small Business Programs is looking forward to providing another outstanding symposium in 2011. To view symposium presentations and awards ceremony photos, visit <http://www.osbp.nasa.gov/sbs/symposium.html>.

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE STATISTICS AT A GLANCE



Registrations by Organization Type

- Government/Military
- Large Business
- Small Business
- Other
- Speaker



The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Procurement Conference is a national effort fostering business partnerships between the Federal Government; its prime contractors; and small, minority, service-disabled, veteran-owned, HUBZone, and women-owned businesses.

Attendee Registration Information:

Registration Fee

- **Government:** There is no cost to attend the 2011 OSDBU Procurement Conference for Government personnel.
- **Industry Personnel:** The cost to attend the 2011 OSDBU Procurement Conference is as follows (the fees are per person):
 - \$200 from January 3, 2011, through noon EST on April 18, 2011.
 - \$250 for on-site registration. Please note all registration after noon EST on April 18, 2011, will be processed at the onsite rate.

For additional conference information, visit <https://www.fbcinc.com/osdbu/default.aspx>.

WHERE SMALL BUSINESS DIFFERS

2010 SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES AWARDS WINNERS

Small Business Specialist of the Year

Marshall Space Flight Center

- David E. Brock

Procurement Team of the Year

NASA Ames Multiple Award Construction Contract (MACC)

Ames Research Center

- Teresa A. Marshall
- Anthony W. Wong
- Patricia L. Finnell-Mendoza
- AnJennette E. Contreras-Rodriguez

Technical Person of the Year

Dryden Flight Research Center

- Albion H. Bowers

Program Team of the Year

NASA Dryden Construction of Facilities (Coff)

Dryden Flight Research Center

- Robyn K. Barton
- Edward J. Carroll
- Gemma Fregoso
- Wolf "Dov" Hack
- James M. Hillman
- Donald M. Logan
- Mark W. Nelson
- Jin S. Oh
- Curtis M. Paul
- Sarah L. Saunders
- Zachary M. Wright

2010 SMALL BUSINESS CENTER-LEVEL INDUSTRY AWARDS WINNERS

Small Business Prime Contractors of the Year

- **Dynamac Corporation, Inc.**
Ames Research Center
- **Arcata Associates, Inc.**
Dryden Flight Research Center
- **Mainthia Technologies, Inc.**
Glenn Research Center
- **a.i. solutions, Inc.**
Goddard Space Flight Center
- **Media Fusion, Inc.**
NASA Headquarters

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- Akima Infrastructure Services, LLC
Johnson Space Center
- ReDe/Critique, Joint Venture
Kennedy Space Center
- Analytical Mechanics Associates, Inc.
Langley Research Center
- COLSA Corporation
Marshall Space Flight Center
- Patriot Technologies, LLC
Stennis Space Center

Small Business Subcontractors of the Year

- Asani Solutions, LLC
Ames Research Center
- ARES Corporation
Dryden Flight Research Center
- ZIN Technologies, Inc.
Glenn Research Center
- ATA Engineering, Inc.
Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Fiber Materials, Inc.
Johnson Space Center
- MIL-CON Electric Company
Kennedy Space Center
- ViGYAN, Inc.
Langley Research Center
- Southern California Braiding Company Inc.
Marshall Space Flight Center
- AI Signal Research, Inc.
NASA Shared Services Center
- Comprehensive Occupational Resources, LLC
Stennis Space Center

Large Business Prime Contractors of the Year

- Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies, Inc.
Ames Research Center
- Jacobs Technology TYBRIN
Dryden Flight Research Center
- Universities Space Research Association
Glenn Research Center
- ITT Systems, Inc.
Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- The Boeing Company
Johnson Space Center
- The Boeing Company
Kennedy Space Center
- Jacobs Technology, Inc.
Langley Research Center
- Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc.
Marshall Space Flight Center
- Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
Stennis Space Center

VETERAN RECOGNITION

Centers Exceeding the Statutory 3 percent Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Category

On December 1, 2010, during the 3rd Annual NASA Small Business Symposium and Awards Ceremony, a special achievement commendation was presented to several NASA Centers in recognition of their exceeding the statutory 3 percent Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business category for both FY09 and FY10.



NASA Dryden Flight Research Center—Accepting the 2009 and 2010 awards on behalf of the DFRC Center Director were Ms. Tracy J. Edmonson, DFRC Deputy Office Chief, Facilities Engineering and Asset Management Office, and Ms. Maikyeza Brown, DFRC Small Business Specialist.

NASA Glenn Research Center—Accepting the 2009 and 2010 awards on behalf of the GRC Center Director were Ms. Robyn N. Gordon, GRC Director of Center Operations, and Ms. Teresa Monaco, GRC Small Business Specialist.



NASA Langley Research Center—Accepting the 2009 and 2010 awards on behalf of the LaRC Center Director were Ms. Panice H. Clark, LaRC Deputy Procurement Officer, and Mr. Randy Manning, LaRC Small Business Specialist.



NASA Goddard Space Flight Center—Accepting the 2010 award on behalf of the GSFC Center Director were Ms. Valorie Burr, GSFC Associate Director for Acquisitions, Management Operations Directorate, and Ms. Anne Haase, GSFC Small Business Specialist.



NASA Stennis Space Center—Accepting the 2010 award on behalf of the SSC Center Director were Ms. Michelle Stracener, SSC Small Business Specialist, and Mr. Ken Human, SSC Associate Director.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JPL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA), PRESENTS THE 23RD ANNUAL HIGH-TECH SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011.

The conference affords small businesses the opportunity to meet purchasing and technical representatives from major corporations and Federal agencies during the Marketplace Forum to discuss contract opportunities.

Participating agencies include the following:

- The Aerospace Corporation
- Ball Aerospace
- The Boeing Company
- Computer Sciences Corporation
- ITT Corporation
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA Centers
- Northrop Grumman
- Orbital Sciences Corporation
- Raytheon Company
- U.S. Dept. of Defense
- U.S. Dept. of Transportation
- U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- And more!

Attendees can expect to improve their knowledge and skills in competing in the Government and prime contractor marketplace and can also take advantage of several "how-to" workshops.

JPL has successfully coordinated this event for the past 22 years, with an average attendance of 1,100 participants: 300 representatives from the prime contractor/Government agency arena and 800 small business owners.

For additional conference information, visit <http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/boo/2011HT/index.asp>.

VETERANS CONFERENCE:

Decipher the code of Federal contracting by attending the Veteran Entrepreneur Training Symposium (VETS) held in Reno, Nevada, June 27–30, 2011.

If you run a Veteran-owned or Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business or are interested in teaming with Veteran-owned companies, the VETS conference is where you need to be to gain all the information required to do business with the Government. Between educational workshops, general sessions with keynote speakers, an exhibit hall, and one-on-one networking meetings, you'll learn strategies for unlocking Federal contracting opportunities!

Interested in attending?

Visit <http://www.veterantrainingsymposium.com> for updates on registration rates, exhibitor opportunities, and information on how you can sponsor the event!

23rd Annual JPL High-Tech Conference March 1–2, 2011

Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
Web site: <http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/boo/2011HT/index.asp>

2011 OSDBU Procurement Conference April 21, 2011

Dulles Expo Center South Hall
Chantilly, VA
Web site: <https://www.fbcinc.com/osdbu/>

SBS Council and SBIP Meetings

June 6–9, 2011
Internal NASA meeting

The Veterans Entrepreneur Training Symposium (VETS)

June 27–30, 2011
Reno, NV
Web site: <http://www.veterantrainingsymposium.com>

The Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week September 2011

Washington, DC
Web site: <http://www.medweek.gov>

Kennedy Space Center Business Opportunities Expo October 18, 2011

Kennedy Space Center, FL
Web site: <http://expo.ksc.nasa.gov>

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DC metro area
Web site: www.osbp.nasa.gov

For more OSBP calendar dates, visit our Web site at <http://www.osbp.nasa.gov>.

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OSBP welcomes articles and opinion pieces that are directed to advocates of small businesses. These articles are printed as space is available and should be approximately 500 words in length. Articles that were printed elsewhere cannot be reprinted in the OSBP Newsletter without written permission from the original printing source. Submissions will be edited as necessary.

Do you have a small business success story that could inspire small business collaboration and advocacy? If so, tell us about it. Send your "success story" to smallbusiness@nasa.gov. Please type "newsletter" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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OSBP WEB SITE:

The improved NASA OSBP Web site is up and proving successful in helping individuals and companies to navigate small business policies, procedures, and best practices at NASA.

The purpose of the Web site, <http://www.osbp.nasa.gov>, is to share the vision of the Small Business Program at NASA, as well as provide pertinent information on how to do business with NASA.