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NASA INDUSTRY FORUM

Ames contractor council PRESENTATION

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Acc Mission and philosophy

The Ames Contractor Council (ACC) is Ames Research Center's industry council. The ACC strives to improve the productivity and enhance the quality of Contractors' services and products for the overall success of the Ames Research Center. The ACC focuses on maintaining open lines of communication between Ames Center Management and Contractor site managers and representatives.

We strive to benefit the general Ames and surrounding local communities by providing financial resources in support of education, outreach, and the overall NASA mission.

effectiveness

- Opportunity for contractor collaboration
- Disseminate information
- Raise awareness
- Assist with orientation of new primes
- Source of Contractor resources
- Interface with Center management and personnel

membership

- Membership is open to site managers (or their delegates) for on-site support service contracts at NASA Ames Research Center and NASA Research Park Partners (one voting member per contract)
- Comprised of approximately 25 small and 15 large prime and subcontract businesses



Council structure

- Non-profit (501)(c)(4) organization complete with corporate by-laws
- Structure:
 - Board of Directors (four directors)
 - Officers:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committees
 - NASA Liaison (non-voting member)
 - Interface between NASA Headquarters, Ames Research Center, other NASA centers and the Contractor Council



Frequency of meetings

- We meet the first Wednesday of each month
- Our meetings are an excellent forum to raise issues that affect the contractor community
- All monthly meetings include:
 - A briefing from Center Management (i.e. NASA Liaison)
 - Guest presentations from Center managers and specialists, including:
 - Ames SBO Specialist
 - Procurement Officer
 - Grant applicant request presentations
 - Brief committee reports

Committees

- Calendar
- Contractor Awards
- Golf Tournament
- Imagination Foundation
- Marketing Communications
- Partners in Excellence
- Public Policy
- Safety Outreach
- Small Business





Best practices

- Monthly meetings provide convenient, central place to share information quickly, reach out to all contractors on site on issues central to contracting community and give an avenue for contractors to develop and foster strong and lasting work relationship Ames Management and with each other
- The ACC conducts several annual and special events to raise awareness of the organization's value to the Ames Community:
 - Fundraising activities include:
 - ACC Annual Golf Tournament
 - Ames Annual Calendar
 - Recognition activities include:
 - Partners in Excellence: Annual Networking Event for Contractors and Senior Management
 - Contractor Excellence Awards: Annual recognition of outstanding Contractor contributions (Length of Service, Individual and Team Excellence)





BEST PRACTICES (CONT'D)

- Imagination Foundation Grants (\$26k+ to date):
 - Contributions to Ames events including improvements to Ames Exploration Center sound system
 - NASA Teacher Summer Camp
 - Palo Alto High School Special Education
 - NASA Teacher Institute
 - Ames Space Settlement Design Contest
 - San Jose State University Tours at Ames
 - National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Silicon Valley
 - International Space University Opening Ceremonies
 - AIAA Galileo Scholarship





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Acc Small business COMMITTEE

- Charter:
 - Utilize the personal leadership of the Board to foster small business workforce planning, development, and retention issues at NASA Ames and propose solutions consistent with the NASA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP).
 - Review and evaluate small business and equal opportunity programs at NASA Ames.
 - Collaborate on and implement small business and diversity initiatives and leverage organizational resources.
- SB Committee Members:
 - Chair: Greg Hite, AECOM
 - Co-chair: Jasmine Ali, Bay Systems Consulting, Inc.
- Meeting Frequency:
 - Quarterly
- Activities to Date:
 - Updated ACC contractor listing



Small business outreach

- Ames Small Business Industry Days:
 - Three (3) separate small business industry days were organized by the Ames Small Business to assist both small businesses with finding new opportunities and large businesses with meeting their goals, while at the same time seeking to represent, protect, and grow the interests of small business at Ames Research Center.
 - Events held at Ames to date include:
 - February 27, 2012: Woman-Owned Small Business Joint Counseling Initiative Session
 - August 16, 2012: HUBZone and Veteran-Owned Small Business Industry Day
 - February 5, 2013: Woman-Owned Small Business Industry Day



Small business industry day details

- Industry Day organizational efforts included:
 - Event advertising through small business organizations (e.g. NorCal 8(a), SBA, FedBizOps, etc.)
 - Preparing flyers, agendas, presenter guidelines, matchmaking schedules, reviewing presentations,
 - Center-wide announcements of event
 - Reviewing capabilities statements
 - Coordinating with guest speakers and matchmakers
- Industry Day activities included:
 - Company introductions and success story presentations
 - Guest speakers from Ames Management, SBA and NASA OSBP
 - CO, SEWP and NVDB procurement presentations





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Questions?

