

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-053]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Earth Systems Science and Applications Advisory Committee (ESSAAC), Technology Subcommittee (TSC); Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of a NASA Advisory Council, Earth Systems Science and Applications Advisory Committee, Technology Subcommittee.

DATES: Wednesday, May 9, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, May 10, 2001, 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), Greenbelt Road, Building 32, Room E109, Greenbelt, MD 20771.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Granville Paules, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Opening/Welcome
- Meeting Logistics
- Review of Agenda and Opening Comments—Chairman of the ESSAAC Technology Subcommittee
- Action Item Status—TSC Members and NASA Leads Super Computing Needs On-orbit vs. Ground Computing
- ESE Vision Initiatives
- Assessment of Principal Investigator (PI) vs. Project Manager (PM) and Earth Systems Laser/Lidar—TSC Members and Technology Managers
- Subcommittee Findings/Enterprise Response
- Earth Science Enterprise (ESE) Program Status
- Earth Science Technology Office (ESTO)
- High Performance Computing and Communications (HPCC)
- New Millennium Program (NMP)
- Action Item Summary
- GSFC Earth Science Overview
- GSFC Focused Technology Briefs

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

Beth M. McCormick,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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Procurement Policies, Practices, and Initiatives; Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: NASA will conduct an open forum meeting to solicit questions, views and opinions of interested persons or firms concerning NASA's procurement policies, practices, and initiatives. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion between NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry, and the public.

Note: This is not a meeting about doing business with NASA for new firms, nor does it focus particularly on small businesses or specific contracting opportunities.

DATES: Thursday, May 3, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NASA George C. Marshall Space Flight Center Morris Auditorium, Bldg. 4200, Huntsville, AL 35812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Derell Hobson, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Mail Code PS01, Huntsville, AL 35812, (256) 544-0375. Auditorium capacity is limited to approximately 90 persons; therefore, a maximum of two representatives per firm is requested. No reservations will be accepted. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Admittance

Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees must be a U.S. Citizen or have a valid green card in their possession. Doors will open at a half-hour prior to the presentation.

Format

There will be a presentation by the Associate Administrator for Procurement, followed by a question and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed, including NASA newest initiatives used in the award and administration of contracts.

Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its

ongoing Procurement Innovations, some of which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Focus on Safety & Health: This ensures that contractors take all reasonable safety and occupational health measures in performing NASA contracts.

Risk-Based Acquisition Management: This initiative seeks to integrate the principles of risk management throughout the acquisition process by purposefully considering the various aspects of risk when developing the acquisition strategy, selecting sources, choosing contract type, structuring fee incentives, and conducting contractor surveillance.

Consolidated Contracting Initiative: The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contracts to meet Agency objectives.

Performance Based Contracting: This initiative is focused on structuring an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed rather than using broad, imprecise statements or prescribing how the work is to be performed.

Award Term Initiative: This initiative will test a non-traditional method of motivating and rewarding contractor performance. Contractors will receive periodic performance evaluations and scores, which can result in an extension of the term of the contract in return for excellent performance.

Tom Luedtke,

Associate Administrator for Procurement.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development (#1199).

Date/Time: May 10-11, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Ruta Sevo, Program Director, Human Resource Development Division, Room 815, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-4676.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.