

SPRING 2016
NASA INDUSTRY FORUM (NIF) MEETING
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NIF Notes

State of Small Business at NASA - Glenn Delgado, Associate Administrator, Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)

- Presented status of NASA and Centers' SB actuals versus goals
- NIF
 - Membership
 - Will not rotate half of old members off
 - Old and new will remain
 - Unless someone wants off
 - Alternate twice yearly meetings between NASA HQ and a Center

NIF Notes (Cont.)

New Legislation and Policy Update - Kenneth Dodds, SBA Director,
Office of Policy, Planning & Liaison

- JV
 - each entity must be an SB
 - Deviations can be acquired on a contract by contract basis
 - Exception – SB is a protégé to LB (LB can have 60% of the profit)
- Mentor Protégé rules– now apply to all SBs
- Subcontracting first and lower tier values get rolled up into one. Good to have lower tier goals
- Can sole source to a WOSB if they are the only one qualified to do the work.
- SBA will certify WOSBs – still looking at who will do this for them.

NIF Notes (Cont.)

Metrics & Subcontracting - Richard Mann, OSBP

- SRS will be done at Task Order level instead of contract value for new IDIQ contracts

NASA Vendor Database Update - Dave Grove, OSBP

- nasa.gov/vendor_database
- Can search on socio-economic and geographical categories

NIF Notes (Cont.)

Technical Capabilities Assessment Team Results –
Lesa Roe, Deputy Associate Administrator

- Average age at NASA - 44 in 2000/49 now
- NASA mission – do first of a kind missions/beyond what industry wants to do
- Capability leadership – right-size activities of workforce and assets
- Looking at engaging industry facilities
- Simplified Acquisition Plan (SAP) threshold \$500K
 - Less than this amount is an SB set-aside

NIF Notes (Cont.)

SEWP Overview - Darlene Coen, SEWP Deputy Program Manager, GSFC

- Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement
- Government wide IT acquisition contract (146 contract holders)
- \$20B ceiling
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of contract holders are SBs (120 SBs)
- Utilize delivery orders (\$1 to \$1B)
- Only an RFQ is need to use SEWP
- Only IT related purchases
- Fixed price contracts
- NASA run out of Goddard
- Hardware, software, installation, maintenance, training, engineering

NIF Initiatives

1. Help LBs meet SB goals - Councils

- Submit 3 best practices and 3 concerns/challenges – 30 days before meeting
- Potential subcontracting Opportunities from LB/SB

2. Help SBs grow - Councils

- SB Success story (prime or sub) – 30 days before meeting
- OSBP to publish these in a handout – 90 days following meeting

3. Provide NASA Procurement Specific Business FAR, SBA Updates to NIF - OBSP

- Posted on Google drive

NIF Initiatives (Cont.)

4. Develop plans/ideas to assist Centers in meeting/exceeding goals - OSBP
 - SBSs to share proposed goals with their councils
 - Center by center briefing
 - SBSs communicate value of Mentor/protégé relationships to help LBs meet goals
5. Improve industry awareness and access to forecasted NASA acquisitions - SBSs
 - NIF rep meets periodically with SBS to get updates
 - SBS meets with Center council to provide updates
6. Improve/develop communication/interaction between NIF and Center Councils - OSBP
 - Research options for sharing NIF documents and gather feedback

NIF Final Notes

1. SB Industry Awards - Glenn Delgado/Lesa Roe
2. Regional Outreach Events Overview - Truphelia Parker, NASA OSBP
 - Socio-economic Category Industry Days
 - HBCU Outreach
 - Regional Outreach
3. Acquisition Forecast Demo - Melanie Osei-Acheampong, NASA OSBP
 - NASA has an acquisition forecast website for all centers
 - Active contract list (ACL) will be updated every 2 weeks
4. FY17 Budget – The “Big Picture” - Andrew Hunter, NASA Deputy CFO