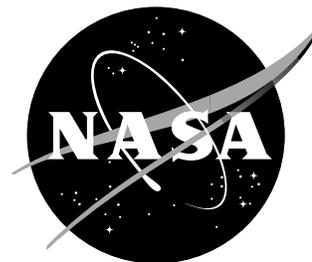


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NASA awards support services contract to Maryland firm

NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA, has selected Swales and Associates, Inc., of Beltsville, MD, to provide research and development as well as engineering support services. The contract is valued at a maximum of \$240 million over the next five years.

Specific work areas include support in full-spectrum aerodynamics, gas dynamics, fluid dynamics, aerothermodynamics, acoustics and aeroacoustics, metallic and non-metallic structures and materials, and space and airborne systems. Work is expected to begin January 2, 2001, and will be performed primarily on-site in Hampton.

Established in 1917 as the first national civil aeronautics laboratory, Langley is a world-class center for aeronautics, earth science, space technology, and structures and materials research. Seventy percent of Langley's effort is in aeronautics research, working to improve today's aircraft and to develop concepts for future aircraft. The Center supports the nation's space programs by conducting a dynamic program in atmospheric sciences, seeking a more detailed understanding of the Earth's atmosphere. Langley researchers are also developing technology for advanced space transportation systems and for small spacecraft and instruments.

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