



It Takes a Nation – Stennis Contractor Support for SLS Core Stage Testing

People often say “it takes a village” when facing a monumental task. However, when it comes to Green Run testing the first Space Launch System (SLS) core stage for NASA’s Artemis I mission, “it takes a nation” would be more fitting. Companies in all 50 states contributed to production of NASA’s SLS rocket. Likewise, preparing the B-2 Test Stand at Stennis Space Center for the test campaign and conducting it over 15 months required contractor, university, and commercial company support from 28 states, including the District of Columbia. More than 120 entities contributed in diverse areas such as mechanical, electrical, piping, administrative services, instrumentation, research and development, engineering, construction, cryogenics, paint services, communications, structural steel, finances, elevator services, sanitation, informational technology, security, legal services, hazardous waste, and heavy equipment operations.

