

NASA Stennis Federal City

On a typical day, as many as 5,000-plus employees travel onsite at NASA's Stennis Space Center to work for the space agency or one of the 50-plus contractors, organizations, agencies, and companies located onsite. These NASA Stennis federal city tenants represent a range of missions, from propulsion testing to information technology to oceanography – and everything in between those. The U.S. Navy has a large and multi-faceted presence onsite – and several aerospace and technology companies and agencies are located at NASA Stennis. The list below highlights some of these tenants, offering a look at the breadth and depth of federal city work underway.



Alutiig Essential Services

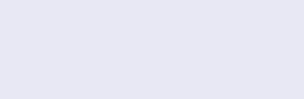
Since 2010, Alutiig, a subsidiary of Afognak Native Corporation, an Alaskan Native Corporation, has provided a broad range of laboratory services at NASA Stennis. These services include measurement standards and calibration, environmental, gas and material science, and institutional geographic informational systems. The full-service capabilities are critical for federal city and resident tenant operations.

Center of Higher Learning

The Center of Higher Learning was created by NASA and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning in 1987 to coordinate academic activity onsite through a consortium of academic partners, schools, and universities. Since then, thousands of employees have received academic instruction and technical training through the center to help advance their organization's mission.



Chenega Global Protection, LLC



Since 2021, Chenega Global Protection has provided protective services functions – such as physical security, access control, badging, locksmith services, patrol duties, personnel security, investigations and resource protection – at NASA Stennis. Its work at the site provides all city tenants with the safety and security necessary to advance their research and technology development.

COLSA Corporation

Since 2023, COLSA Corporation has delivered a range of administrative services – in such areas as financial management, human resources, procurement, and information technology/automation – to the NASA Shared Services Center. It also supports NASA Stennis test operations with systems maintenance, welding, fabrication, machining, and component processing capabilities.



Commander

Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command

The U.S. Navy established meteorology and oceanography operations at NASA Stennis in 1978. The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command serves as the operational arm of the Naval Oceanography Program and works to collect, process, and employ environmental knowledge to assist U.S. Navy operations around the world.

Department of Navy Office of Civilian Human Resources, Stennis Operations Center

The Office of Civilian Human Resources, Stennis Operations Center has operated at NASA Stennis since 1998. It is one of five centers nationwide and is responsible for delivering a full spectrum of human resources and Equal Employment Opportunity services worldwide to more than 40,000 civilian employees throughout the Department of the Navy.



Evolution Space Inc.



Evolution Space arrived at NASA Stennis in 2023. It is working to convert part of a 36-acre former ammunition plant onsite into a propulsion center to produce and store 2,000 pounds of solid propellant per day, provide extensive propellant storage space, and serve as an operational base for hot fire testing its solid rocket motors in the NASA Stennis E Test Complex.

FedSync-BFS Joint Venture

Operating as a joint venture since early 2025, Fed Sync-BFS provides broad administrative and other professional services at NASA Stennis (as well as five other agency sites across the country). Its professional team provides administrative and conference center support for the south Mississippi site, working to ensure efficient operations across all organizations.



Government Publishing Office



The Government Publishing Office opened a backup facility at NASA Stennis in 2008 in response to a growing demand for U.S. passports. Since then, the secure site office has produced more than 90 million passports and grown as a critical facility for secure credential production. Opening with less than 50 employees, the facility workforce has more than doubled in subsequent years.

L3Harris Aerojet Rocketdyne

Working in concert with NASA since 1966, L3Harris Aerojet Rocketdyne and its predecessor companies have helped test Saturn V stages for the Apollo Program (including the first Saturn V test onsite in April 1966), main engines for the Space Shuttle Program, and, most recently, engines and the SLS (Space Launch System) core stage (with four RS-25 engines) for NASA's Artemis program.



Leidos Inc.



Leidos provides information technology support at NASA Stennis (and across the agency) through the NASA End-user Services and Technologies (NEST) contract and its follow-on Advanced Enterprise Global Information Technology Solutions contract. This includes compute, mobile and print services, as well as telecommunications, cloud, and data center services across all NASA centers.

Lockheed Martin Space Systems Division

The Lockheed Martin Mississippi Space and Technology Center, operated at NASA Stennis since 2002, is a fully integrated production facility where design liaison, assembly, integration, and testing of ultra-lightweight spacecraft propulsion and thermal systems are produced for commercial, civil, military, and special program customers.



Louisiana Technology Transfer Office

Since 1990, the Louisiana Technology Transfer Office at NASA Stennis has provided technology transfer support for all site tenants. It works to identify Louisiana companies to help meet NASA Stennis procurement needs, supports intern and workforce development needs, and enables collaborative partnerships between NASA and its resident tenants with Louisiana research universities.

Mississippi Enterprise for Technology (MSET)

Since 1994, MSET has served as a catalyst for economic development by supporting technology-based business growth at NASA Stennis and across Mississippi. It manages a business incubator, offers strategic business support, and connects companies with government, academia, and industry partners to promote technology transfer, facilitate commercialization, and foster job creation.



NASA Shared Services Center

Since 2006, the NASA Shared Services Center has enabled the NASA mission by saving taxpayer dollars to maximize efficiency and minimize cost, while increasing automation. The center provides more than 60 business activities – in the areas of financial management, procurement, human resources, enterprise services, and agency business support – to agency centers and facilities.

National Data Buoy Center

Since arriving as the first federal city tenant in 1970, the National Data Buoy Center has worked to ensure the nation's maritime safety by building and operating a network of moored buoys and land stations across the world. It supports real-time weather/marine warning and forecast services by providing deep ocean and coastal meteorological and oceanographic observations.



Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO)

NAVOCEANO relocated to NASA Stennis from Maryland in 1977. It advances maritime security and operational excellence for the nation's naval fleet by leveraging expert knowledge in oceanography, hydrography, and bathymetry. It is the leading authority in oceanographic innovation and expertise and the largest of all Naval Oceanography commands with more than 750 personnel.

Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS)

Since 2006, NAVSCIATTS has operated at NASA Stennis, offering world-class riverine and coastal training areas. It is co-located at NASA Stennis with Special Boat Team TWENTY-TWO. The school serves as the U.S. Navy's premier security force assistance training site and has trained students from more than 130 partner nations.



National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)

Since 2001, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NCEI has housed and provided wide access to one of the most significant archives on Earth, with comprehensive oceanic, atmospheric, coastal, and geophysical data. It is the world's largest provider of environmental information that spans the depths of the ocean to the surface of the Sun, from prehistoric to modern times.

Northern Gulf Institute / Mississippi State University

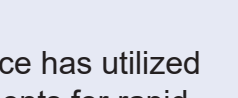
MSU has had a presence at NASA Stennis since 1989. The Northern Gulf Institute began in 2006 as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration cooperative, comprised of six academic institutions across the U.S. Gulf Coast, to provide research and expertise on coastal hazards and ecosystem impacts, ecosystem-based management, and data management systems.



Relativity Space

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Since arriving at NASA Stennis in 2016, Relativity Space has utilized several retrofitted test stands and greenfield developments for rapid innovation for its Terran 1 and Terran R launch vehicles. It currently is working to expand its R Complex with over 250 acres, enhancing its test capabilities. It also is modifying the historic A-2 Test Stand for stage testing, the first commercial upgrade of a legacy Stennis stand.



Rocket Lab

Rocket Lab announced plans to open its Archimedes Test Complex at NASA Stennis in November 2022. The company uses the site to test its Archimedes engines that will power its large Neutron rocket. Since that time, the company has conducted multiple hot fire tests of the 3D-printed, reusable engine, marking a major milestone by reaching 102% power level in August 2025.



Rolls-Royce North America

In 2007, Rolls-Royce moved its outdoor engine testing operations to the NASA Stennis from the United Kingdom. To satisfy increasing product demand, a second test stand was constructed in 2012. In 2025, another stand in the NASA Stennis E Test Complex will be commissioned to conduct hydrogen testing. On these three stands, Rolls-Royce will continue to bring innovative solutions to civil and defense markets around the globe.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Undersecretary of Management/Office of the Chief Information Officer

Since 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) office at NASA Stennis has supported data center operations for the agency's information technology infrastructure and applications. This includes operating and maintaining computing, storage, and networking infrastructure, as well as applications used to fulfill DHS' mission.



U.S. Naval Research Laboratory



In one form or another, the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory has operated at NASA Stennis since several naval oceanographic research-and-development components were combined as the Naval Oceanographic Center onsite in 1975. The laboratory now conducts Navy-relevant research in ocean and earth sciences to support current and future U.S. defense technology needs.