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Leveraging Industry and Supply Chains for Future Technology

Space Center Houston, 1601 E NASA Parkway Houston, TX 77058
September 15, 2026, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM CT

AGENDA

General Session (Space Center Theater)

8:00 AM – 11:30 PM

TIME	SESSION TITLE / SPEAKER(S)	SPEAKER(S)/PANELISTS
8:00 AM	Welcome	**Mr. Charles T. Williams** Chief of Staff, NASA Office of Small Business Programs
8:05 AM	Presentation of Colors	**Clear Lake High School Color Guard**
8:20 AM	OSBP Welcome	**Mr. Dwight D. Deneal** Assistant Administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs
8:30 AM	Keynote Remarks from NASA Leadership	**Ms. Casey L. Swails** Deputy Associate Administrator, NASA
8:45 AM	Keynote Remarks from the U.S. Small Business Administration	**Mr. William (Bill) Briggs** Deputy Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration
9:00 AM	Remarks from NASA Johnson Space Center	**Ms. Vanessa E. Wyche** Center Director, NASA Johnson Space Center
9:15 AM	Remarks from NASA Office of STEM Engagement Leadership	**Ms. Elaine P. Ho** Associate Administrator, NASA Office of STEM Engagement
9:30 AM	Program Updates from the Moon Base Program Office	**Mr. James R. Geffre** Deputy Program Manager, Moon Base Program, NASA Johnson Space Center
9:45 AM	Program Update from NASA Office of Procurement	**Mr. Eric J. Schell** Acting Director, Office of Procurement, NASA Johnson Space Center
10:00 AM	BREAK / NETWORKING	
10:15 AM	Fireside Chat: Igniting Business Opportunities and Ensuring American Space Superiority	**Mr. Dwight D. Deneal** Assistant Administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs
		Mr. Ryan A. Lambert Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration
		Ms. Lisa M. Shimkat Associate Administrator of Field Operations, U.S. Small Business Administration
11:15 AM	Closing Remarks and Call to Action	**Mr. Dwight D. Deneal** Assistant Administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs

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Exhibit Hall (Special Events Building)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
NASA Centers, Industry Partners, and Resource Agencies

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM will be reserved for Veteran-Owned Businesses ONLY

Prime "Pitch" Business Matchmaking (Club Room, 2nd Floor)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM *(by appointment only)*
Small Business 1:1s with NASA, Primes, and Partners

Mission Briefing Center

▶ NASA SBIR/STTR Deep Dive

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Moderator: Ms. Tumarrow J. Romain
Small Business Specialist, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, Johnson Space Center

Mr. Jason L. Kessler
Program Executive, Small Business Innovation Research Small Business Technology Transfer Programs

▶ OSDBU Panel

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Moderator: Mr. Mark Winchester
District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration

Ms. Chanel S. Bankston-Carter
Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Mr. Allen Gutierrez
OSDBU, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

Mr. Shannon Jackson
Director Small Business Program, Health and Human Services

Mr. Tyrees P. Jones, II
Division Director, Office of Acquisition Solutions Development, Federal Acquisition Service, U.S. General Services Administration

Space Center Theater

▶ Prime Ready - How to do Business with a NASA Prime Contractor

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Moderator: Mr. Dwight D. Deneal
Assistant Administrator, NASA Office of Small Business Programs

Ms. Megan G. Miller
Principal Compliance Analyst, Blue Origin

Mr. David Canada
Director, Strategic Sourcing and Partnerships, The Boeing Company

Ms. Gracie Orr
Small Business Liaison Officer, Mission Technology, KBR

Mr. Christopher Rad
Small Business Liaison Officer, SpaceX

Mr. Steve Whaley
Supply Chain Engagement Manager, Firefly Aerospace, Inc.

▶ Through the Lens of a CO: The Revolutionary FAR Overhaul and Small Business Things to Know

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth A. Haase
Program Manager, NASA Office of Small Business Programs

Mr. Adrian D. Clayton
Acting Deputy Director, NASA Office of Procurement, Johnson Space Center

Ms. Suzan P. Thomas
Team Lead and Contracting Officer, NASA Office of Procurement, Johnson Space Center

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Mission Briefing Center PreShow

Access to Capital Deep Dive

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Moderator: Ms. Kandace P. Chappell
Small Business Specialist, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, Goddard Space Flight Center

Mr. Ricardo Monroy
Vice President, Senior Business Development Officer, Business Banking Government Contracting, South Central Region, Bank of America

Mr. Will Scott
Vice President, Business Solutions, Navy Federal Credit Union

Ms. Lisa M. Shimkat
Associate Administrator of Field Operations, U.S. Small Business Administration

Ms. Dianna L. Seaborn
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, U.S. Small Business Administration

One Agency, Many Missions: SDVOSB & VOSB Opportunities Across NASA Centers

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Moderator: Mr. Charles T. Williams
Chief of Staff, NASA Office of Small Business Programs

Ms. Danielle R. Barnes
Small Business Specialist, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, Marshall Space Flight Center

Mr. Robert E. Watts
Small Business Specialist, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, Research Centers

Mr. Troy E. Miller
Small Business Specialist, NASA Office of Small Business Programs, Stennis Space Center, NASA Shared Services Center, and IT Procurement Office

Exhibitors

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