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Mobile Area Chamber Hosts NASA Business Forum

- NASA and several of its prime contractors coming to Mobile
- Attendees will learn how to be a NASA contractor and how to get involved in federal research and development program
- Tickets are still available for the Oct. 30 forum



Every two years the Mobile Area Chamber brings NASA representatives and several of the agency's prime contractors to Mobile to talk about their plans and short-term purchasing needs. On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the Chamber will host its 2019 NASA Business Forum at the Riverview Hotel, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are available and the cost is \$50 per person. Reservations are required. Contact Brenda Rembert at 251-431-8607.

Mobile Area Chamber's NASA Business Forum

When: Wednesday, Oct. 30
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

What: Covering purchasing opportunities, roundtable discussions with prime contractors

Where: Riverview Hotel

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch)

RSVP: 251.431.8607

This year's event features representatives from NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, NASA Shared Services Center at Stennis Space Center in Kiln, Miss., and major aerospace and support prime contractors.

Attendees will learn about the process to be a contractor, forecasted contract opportunities, how to join the NASA Mentor / Protégé program and engage in federal research and development projects through Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR). Additionally, there will be presentations on NASA's future plans, including new programs such as the Human Lander and the Habitation Module to establish human presence on the moon and serve as a "rest stop" for human expeditions to Mars.

"These new programs are going to increase and expand acquisition needs. At the NASA Forum, small business owners and managers will meet those making purchasing decisions and have the opportunity to initiate relationships with NASA specialists, their

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prime contractors, larger companies and other attendees,” said **Danette Richards**, the Chamber’s director of small business development.

NASA estimates the agency will spend \$21.5 billion on contracts in 2020.

“Your company may not be ready or able to work with NASA directly, but you should take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet those that do and many other business owners all in one place,” said Richards.

In the afternoon there will be time to visit one-on-one with exhibitors and sponsors in a trade show environment, and networking roundtables including those representing Jacobs, Teledyne Brown Engineering, The Boeing Co., U.S. Small Business Administration, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), NASA Shared Services Center, NASA/MSFC New Programs, MSFC Office of Center Operations, STTR and SBIR.

Among those on the agenda will be Fairhope native Todd May, senior vice president at KBR and retired as director of NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with 1,900 members that employ 105,000 people, and the economic developer of record for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. We represent business interests of the Mobile region, advocating for business-friendly legislative policies and serve as a resource for small businesses and area entrepreneurs. Additional information is on the Chamber’s website at www.mobilechamber.com, Facebook @MobileChamber, Twitter and YouTube at @MobileChamber, Instagram @ Mobile_Area_Chamber and LinkedIn @Mobile Area Chamber.