hello i am nasa administrator charlie

bolden every day NASA is advancing aeronautics and space technology
development transforming the ways we get to low-earth orbit and setting our sights on farther destinations we're working with small business around the nation to meet these challenges during Small Business Week we have an opportunity to recognize how much this work means to all of us I want to recognize our fiscal year 12 agency small business prime contractor of the year a to research and our small
business subcontractor of the year try
models their work is helping keep
America the world leader in space exploration in fiscal year 2014 NASA will continue its breakthrough work in science technology and exploration will embrace new challenges such as a mission to capture and redirect an asteroid closer to Earth so astronauts can visit it will continue to drive commercial partnerships to resupply the international space station with cargo and eventually to transport crews from American soil once again will keep
developing the Space Launch System in

the Orion multi-purpose crew vehicle so

astronauts can reach an asteroid and

ultimately Mars even as spacecraft speed
to Jupiter and Pluto and other
destinations in our solar system will

prepare the James Webb Space Telescope

for its 2018 launch as the successor to

help small business is integral to
everything we do it's involved in every
aspect of NASA and it's helping America

lead the world in explorations small

businesses and entrepreneurs employ half

of America's workers and create two out
of every three jobs they're an essential

part of our economic engine I'm pleased

to report that for fiscal year 2013 NASA

is exceeding by 2.91 percent its goal

that 17.2 percent of our contracts go to

small businesses we're always trying to

do better and our Small Business

Improvement Program

is working to develop measurable

objectives that can help us become even

stronger I want to thank the small

business community for your continued

hard work your contributions are one of

NASA's most valuable assets and each day

you're helping us to create the world's
strongest space program for that I

sincerely thank you and the nasa work

force with which you partner to make it

happen now let's all go out there and do

some more incredible things thanks to

all of you