hello I'm Christa Paquin NASA's deputy associate administrator and I want invite everyone to join NASA and celebrating National Small Business Week April 29th to May 5th small businesses are core contributor to NASA's mission and support for them has always been at the forefront of the senior leadership strategy for our agency nationwide small businesses employ about half of all private sector employees in fiscal year 2017 NASA awarded approximately 2.7 billion directly to small businesses in prime contracts in FY 17 the agency also
awarded approximately 2.8 billion to small businesses in sub contracts for 5.5 billion and overall contracts small business is a critical partner on all of NASA's future missions including our Ryan spacecraft which since its inception has been supported by more than two thousand small businesses it is currently supported by more than 800 small businesses in 49 states in Puerto Rico our next big rocket the Space Launch System gets support from more than 850 small businesses the International Space Station our home in
low-earth orbit

gets support from more than 200 small businesses NASA is one of only three agencies across the federal government that received approval from the Small Business Administration to continue to operate its innovative mentor-protege program through February of 2023 NASA is actively promoting small business awareness and participation by using innovative techniques at non-traditional venues in geographically targeted areas to enhance fall categories of small business we're also actively increasing
its engagement with historically black colleges and universities minority institutions through new avenues such as the NASA technology and fusion road tour which is designed to assist NASA and its large prime contractors exceed the agency's 1% HBCU mi goal congratulations are due to the NASA ages the FY 17 small business advocates Award winners small business specialist of the year Joyce McDowell small business technical adviser coordinator of the year Kimberly cannon technical person of the year Alicia Carroll procurement team of the
year the environmental support services

procurement team program science

research and development team of the

year the advanced composites project

team congratulations to the FY 17 NASA

agency level small business industry

Award winners

small business prime contractor of the

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subcontractor of the year

Medus technology solutions incorporated

large business contractor of the year

science applications international

corporation mentor-protege agreement of
the year mentor urs federal services and

aecom company Protege Seabrook Solutions

LLC NASA would like to congratulate all

of the small businesses throughout the

nation and support all federal agencies

and the nation's economy and wish them

continued success this week and

throughout the year