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So I came from a background where we were mostly civilians; DOD civilians and Army soldiers

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so I was very comfortable with that background so of my challenges in coming here was working

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with strictly Civilians that have never been a part of the Armed services and that is a

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little different and also working with a large contracting force I believe we have over 400

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personnel contractors and that is a huge difference for me and working with them and different

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procedures and policies so that that has been the biggest challenge for me thus far.

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So one of the ways that I am dealing with that challenge is instead of me being so aggressive

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as far as demanding things or trying to be so political one of the ways I am trying to

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address this challenges is I am trying step back and actually understand the process so

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where I feel myself or telling myself that I am getting stuck in this here I step back

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and ask a question you know what is preventing
this action from going through you know what

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is going on.

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What are your procedure and policy about getting
this done.

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So I think by stepping back and asking the
question and getting the response I am able

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to better to tackle the challenge.

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I am able to better handle the problem better.

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I would say the person I look to as a mentor
the most currently is Mr. Jim Walker.

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I look to him for almost everything.

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You know anytime I am writing a paper or anytime
I have a challenge or a struggle I always

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go to him first and get his opinion so I would
say he is one of the mentor's that I deal

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with on a daily basis.

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So I would always say first you will have to look within yourself.

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You talk about improvement, you talk about improving Diversity I think it always starts

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with yourself with you.

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So you know first look at yourself and look how can I get better?

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How can I see the world we live in today?

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How can I see it different?

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Not only just cultures you know how can I expand my mind?

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You know how can I increase my health or even financial.

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So always look at yourself and how you can get better and then think outside the box

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you know I would have never thought in my wildest dreams that I would be working at

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NASA and then if you want to do something

you know just go for it.

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Just put your mind and all your effort and
just go for it and I would say along the way