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My name is Cynthia Spraul - I and I am part of a small team that integrates and operates

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the Michoud Assembly Facility for the production of the Space Launch System. Daily activities

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include oversight of our facilities contractor and management of the needs and services of

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various tenants we have here on site.

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Our contribution to the space program is providing a viable production-ready facility while keeping

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down the cost. So in addition to daily activities, You will find me focused on special assignments

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that have to do with reducing the cost to operate the site for the Space Launch System.

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After exhausting conventional methods, like

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energy reduction, maintenance planning and scheduling, and renting excess space to commercial

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tenants, we look for more. Since we have excess green space or swampland all around us, we

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are currently pursuing partnerships with commercial
developers where they would build their building

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on our land and NASA would realize rental
revenue that offsets the cost to operate for

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SLS. (We have the land, they bring the building,
everybody wins.)

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We also look for unique contractual partners.

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Currently, we are preparing for a new NASA
contract for our site operations and maintenance.

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The new contract will serve both the Michoud
Assembly Facility and the Stennis Space Center

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nearby, thereby realizing synergies in functions
of the contract that are not site-specific.

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Bottom-line, \hwe believe this too will reduce
the cost to operate this site for SLS.

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I believe diversity in the workplace is key
to generating and implementing such innovations

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that allow us to achieve greater results than
we could otherwise. I look for opportunities

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to develop others and truly enjoy watching
them realize greater goals than they thought

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possible. My advice to others is to look for
opportunities in your organization where you

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can solve a problem for management and ask,
be persistent in asking for that assignment.

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Diversity in the workplace to me means listening
and being heard, it's so important that people

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feel heard. You don't have to adopt their
idea, You only owe an explanation and discussion