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I'm NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, wishing you all the best on this Small Business Week 2015

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I hope you'll join me in offering a special congratulations to the men and women of A.I.

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Solutions, Incorporated and Advanced Aerospace Solutions – NASA's prime contractor and

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subcontractor of the year.

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Small businesses are the heart and soul of the American economy. They put people to work.

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They provide the goods and services on which we all rely and quite often, they help define

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the character of their city or town.

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What's more, they employ nearly one in every two private sector workers ...and in

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recent years, they've created nearly two out of every three new jobs.

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At NASA, were the first agency in the federal government to set a goal for awarding sub

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contracts to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and minority serving institutions.

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And we continue to look for ways to leverage the power of our nation's diversity by utilizing

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small businesses.

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Of course, one of the most important ways that NASA supports small businesses is by

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helping create them. NASA-derived technologies have led to the creation of small business

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like Northern Power Systems, which puts people to work building wind turbines that could

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be used on Mars ... and Ekotrope, which has a software package for designing energy efficient

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homes.

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So as we work to expand humanity's reach in space and to strengthen America's leadership

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here on Earth, small businesses play an important and essential role. They will continue to

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play an important role as we push out further into the solar system and beyond. Our journey

