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Hello, I'm Krista Paquin, NASA's deputy associate administrator, and I want to invite

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everyone to join NASA in celebrating National Small Business Week April 29th to May 5th.

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Small businesses are a core contributor to NASA's mission, and support for them

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has always been at the forefront of the senior leadership strategy for our agency.

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Nationwide, small businesses employ about half of all private sector employees.

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In Fiscal Year 2017, NASA awarded approximately \$2.7 billion directly to small businesses

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in prime contracts.

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In FY17, the Agency also awarded approximately \$2.8 billion to small businesses in subcontracts,

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for \$5.5 billion in overall contracts.

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Small Business is a critical partner on all of NASA's future missions, including our:

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Orion spacecraft, which since its inception has been supported by more than 2,000 small

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businesses and is currently supported by more than 800 small businesses in 49 states and

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Puerto Rico.

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Our next big rocket, the Space Launch System gets support from more than 850 small businesses.

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The International Space Station, our home in low-Earth orbit, gets support from more

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than 200 small businesses.

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NASA is one of only three agencies across the federal government that received approval

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from the Small Business Administration to continue to operate its innovative Mentor-Protégé Program

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through February 2023.

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NASA is actively promoting small business awareness and participation by using innovative

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techniques at non-traditional venues in geographically targeted areas to enhance all categories of small business.

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We're also actively increasing its engagement with Historically Black Colleges and Universities,

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Minority Institutions through new avenues such as the NASA Technology Infusion Road Tour which is

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designed to assist NASA and its large prime contractors exceed the Agency's 1% HBCU/MI goal.

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Congratulations are due to the NASA Agency FY17 Small Business Advocates Award Winners:

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Small Business Specialist of the Year: Joyce C. McDowell

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Small Business Technical Advisor/Coordinator of the Year: Kimberly A. Cannon

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Technical Person of the Year: Alicia S. Carroll

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Procurement Team of the Year: the Environmental Support Services Procurement Team.

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And Development Team of the Year: The Advanced Composites Project Team.

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Congratulations to the FY17 NASA Agency-level Small Business Industry Award Winners:

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Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year: Omitron, Inc.

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Small Business Subcontractor of the Year: Metis Technology Solutions, Inc.

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Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year:
Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)

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Mentor-Protégé Agreement of the Year:

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Mentor- URS Federal Services Inc., an AECOM
Company

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Protégé – Seabrook Solutions, LLC

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NASA would like to congratulate all of the
small businesses throughout the nation that

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support all federal agencies and the nation's
economy and wish them continued success this