## NASA Awards Contract Modification for Integrated Communications Services

NASA has awarded Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) of McLean, Va., a modification to the NASA Integrated Communications Services (NICS) contract which provides and manages the vast majority of NASA's information technology (IT) communications infrastructure services.

The NICS contract is a cost-plus award fee/cost-plus incentive fee contract which consists of a three-year base period, one two-year option, one three-year option and one two-year option for the NICS contract.

This \$12.7 million contract modification allows for the establishment of internal and external NASA network borders through deployment of Network Access Control (NAC) and deployment of standardized agencywide zoned network architecture. These two projects will result in a more uniform implementation of IT Security across the centers and will provide efficiencies and cost savings to the agency.

The NICS Contract is administered by the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) at Stennis Space Center. The NSSC performs selected business activities for all NASA centers.

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