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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATORS TOUR NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER

STENNIS SPACE CENTER, Miss. - Members of the State of Mississippi Legislature and the Mississippi Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, recently toured the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) at Stennis Space Center.

As part of a state-wide facilities tour, the visitors spent time with the NSSC's management and facilities personnel, getting a hands-on look at the NSSC's daily operations within the \$33 million state-owned facility.

The following visitors were in attendance: Sens. Jack Gordon, and Nolan Mettetal; Reps. Joseph L. Warren and Mary H. Coleman; and from the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management: Charles "Rick" Snowden, Bureau Director, Glenn Kornbrek, Assistant Director and Jimmy Foster, Senior Construction Administrator.

The NSSC is a major employer, providing stable employment and top-quality benefits to over 500 personnel. Based on the NSSC's participation in an economic impact study for FY 2009, approximately \$.82 out of every dollar the NSSC received was spent within a 50-mile radius of the center. The total payroll for FY 2009 was approximately \$44.6M, with a total operating budget of approximately \$71.7M.

The NSSC was recently awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED, an internationally recognized green building certification system, provides third-party verification of the use of best-practices in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction and indoor environmental quality. To qualify for LEED Certification, projects must demonstrate resource stewardship and sensitivity to impacts during the design and building process.

The NSSC is a partnership between NASA, CSC and the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. The NSSC performs selected business activities for all ten NASA centers in financial management, human resources, information technology, and procurement. The building is located on the grounds of the Stennis Space Center in an energy-efficient, flexible, multi-story building. The structure was funded by Mississippi appropriations and was signed into law by Governor Haley Barbour.

For information about the NASA Shared Services Center, visit: http://www.nssc.nasa.gov

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