

The Building Buzz is a monthly bulletin intended to highlight key happenings at the NSSC. For up-to-date information, check out the NSSC Employee Homepage at [internal.nssc.nasa.gov](http://internal.nssc.nasa.gov). Submit your department milestones to [NSSC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov](mailto:NSSC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov).

## NSSC Participates in NASA Technology Infusion Road Tour

The NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) organized the NASA HQ Office of Small Business Program (OSBP) Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Minority Institution (HBCU/MIs) Technology Infusion Road Tour at the Jackson State University (JSU) e-Center in Jackson, MS, on August 22-23, 2017. The two day event was held to educate HBCU/MIs about doing business with NASA and connecting them with NASA prime contractors for subcontracting opportunities and mentorship. NASA is has a mandatory 1% goal for doing business with HBCU/MIs. To date, that goal has never been met. Troy Miller, NSSC Small Business Specialist, served as the moderator and was the key figure in getting the event organized at JSU. The event had been in the planning for over a year. JSU and DXC Technology, LLC are currently working on a Mentor Protégé Agreement (MPA.) This MPA will serve as a mechanism for JSU to develop business and technical skills for business opportunities to be perform at JSU's e-center. The JSU e-center is a 200,000 square foot facility which houses a TV and radio station, a data center, and serves as an incubator for other small businesses. Dr. William Bynum, President of Jackson State University and Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of Jackson attended the event.



## Gonzales Receives NASA@work Spotlight

Recently, Venetia Gonzales was highlighted in the August NASA@work bulletin for being the newest NASA@work Infuser. NASA@work Infusers are highly engaged and enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about NASA and passionate about tapping into NASA's creativity and drive to contribute to NASA's mission. These Infusers extend the reach and use of NASA@work at their particular centers by communicating and promoting new NASA@work challenges, working with Challenge Owners and executing NASA@work awards.

NASA@work is an agency-wide, virtual platform that seeks to increase innovation by fostering collaboration within our community through the contribution of interactive discussions and the submission of solutions to posted challenges.

Missed the meeting? Check it out at <http://nasa.innocentive.com> to learn more!



## Feds Feed Families 2017 Comes to Close

Thanks to all those who helped make this year's Feds Feed Families food drive a tremendous success. This year, we exceeded our goal of 1,000 pounds by collecting over 5,800 pounds for our friends and neighbors on the Gulf Coast. I want to take a moment to commend you all on your generosity and to call out a couple groups that went above and beyond to make this year such a success. For a second straight year, the team at NCCIPS has worked together to make a remarkable donation. This year, they donated 4,270 pounds! The other exceptional performance that I want to highlight is that of the HR Training & Awards Teams who held a team competition that collected over 600 pounds in donations. It really is amazing what we can do when we work together. Thanks again to all of you who participated in making this year's Fed Feed Families food drive the most successful yet.

With gratitude,  
Chris Canary



## NASA's Extended TDY Transition to the NSSC

The transition of the Agency's Extended TDY (ETDY) travel program to the NSSC is in the final stages of implementation, as Go-Live for Phase One Centers goes in effect October 2.

The ETDY team has been working the final stages of policy updates, documentation, training and process changes in preparation of the ETDY transition.

Some of the key processes that will transition include: the NSSC will become the ETDY Travel Authorization and Travel Voucher preparers October 2; ETDY Counseling will become mandatory October 2; and ETDY Travelers will be assigned a caseworker at the NSSC.

NASA's ETDY implementation will occur in two phases and span approximately five months. Centers were selected for each phase based on the volume of ETDY activity in a manner to provide a balance between smaller and larger volume Centers.

**Phase 1 Transition** Oct. – Dec. 2017. Phase 1 Centers include: AFRC, ARC, GRC, JSC, MSFC, SSC and NSSC. The NSSC has staffed and trained workforce to support the functions being transitioned in Phase 1.

**Phase 2 Transition** Feb. – Apr. 2018. Phase 2 Centers include: GSFC, HQ, LARC, and KSC. Transitioning in two phases will allow additional time for adjustment during FY18 as needed. Full transition will be accomplished before the end of FY18.



The Annual SSC Special Olympics Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 13th at the Oaks Golf Club in Pass Christian, MS.

The tournament has raised more than \$12,700 for the Special Olympic games held in the spring.

For more info, head to [www.sscspecialolympics.com](http://www.sscspecialolympics.com).

## Updates on Transition of Center Purchase Card Programs to the NSSC

Members of the NSSC P-Card Team traveled to Greenbelt, Maryland the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> for a site visit in preparation to transition the largest of the NASA Centers, Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) to the NSSC.



It should be noted that Goddard not only includes the Goddard Space Flight Center located in Greenbelt but also the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) which is located at Columbia University in New York City. The institute is a laboratory in the Earth Sciences Division of NASA GSFC and is affiliated with the Columbia Earth Institute and School of Engineering and Applied Science. Also associated with Goddard is NASA's Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Facility. They are located in Fairmont, West Virginia.

While at GSFC, the NSSC Team hosted seven Town Hall Meetings with cardholders and approving officials and briefed them on transition activities. This included information on "How, When and Why" the transition is taking place. The team also distributed tri-folds communicating additional details on the transition. The town hall sessions generated a lot of great questions and discussions. Additionally, the NSSC team received some very positive feedback from the attendees. The targeted go-live date for the Greenbelt, GISS and the IV&V transition is October 1, 2017.

The team plans to travel to Glenn Research Center (GRC) in November for a site visit and to host Town Hall sessions.

In addition to responding to purchase card questions and providing assistance to cardholders, the NSSC P-Card Team is working on expiring funds and all other end of fiscal year related activities for the Centers that have already transitioned to the NSSC.

**NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER**  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NSSC SP MORALE COMMITTEE

**Hurricane Harvey Relief for Houston**

The NSSC SP Morale Committee are taking donations NOW to assist with Hurricane Harvey disaster relief efforts in Texas.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL**  
in Slidell is accepting  
**BOTTLED WATER, DIAPERS AND PET FOOD.**  
Items collected at the NSSC will be dropped off at the school's office.

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS NSSC & NCCIPS:**

TROY CHIVERS 3-6333 - ROOM 308K  
EMILY LEWIS 3-6435 - ROOM 371B  
TANYA MALLEY 3-6576 - ROOM 269F  
MARY BETH MARTINA 3-6203 - ROOM 2071  
ELLEN CLARK 8-5289 - ROOM 9325-103

2017 NSSC SP MORALE COMMITTEE



## Achievers of the Quarter

- Chris Canary, SOD/PMO
- Carol Billiot, ESC
- Natalie Madigan, HR Services Division
- Rodney Oliver, IT Division
- Employee of the Quarter
- Lauren Oubree, PR Services Division
- Alicia Barte, FM Services Division
- Jim Connor
- Anita Harrell
- Armand Serpas, NCCIPS
- Tony Lisotta

*Congratulations!*