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Reply to Attn of: Office of Small Business Programs

TO: Distribution

FROM: Assistant Administrator for the Office of Small Business Program

SUBJECT: Relaunch of the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP)

I am pleased to formally announce, the relaunch of the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP), effective November 1, 2024.

On February 21, 2024, the NASA MPP underwent a temporary moratorium, as part of a strategic effort to evaluate and enhance the program's processes, policies, and alignment with NASA's 2040 Vision. This decision was made to ensure: 1) that the program functions at its highest level; 2) continues to support the Agency's mission in a meaningful and impactful way, and 3) addresses NASA supply chain gaps.

With this relaunch, the program is now better aligned with the Agency's current and future needs. Below are the primary key areas of focus for the new NASA MPP:

1. **Needs-Based Program:** The revamped MPP will now be more needs-based, that targets NASA supply chain gaps.
2. **Contracts Under Strategic NAICS Codes:** The program will prioritize subcontracts to proteges under specific NAICS codes that align with the Space Technology Mission Directorate ([STMD](#)) [Technology Taxonomies](#), ensuring a direct connection to mission-critical needs and supply chain gaps.

By concentrating on these key sectors and codes, with the use of the STMD technology taxonomies, the program will strategically emphasize Research & Development (R&D), Accompanying Software/Information Technology, and Aerospace Manufacturing. Our goal is to better support and contribute to NASA's long-term strategic goals and mission success, while driving innovation and technological advancement to meet the needs of NASA's future missions.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that **all small businesses** are now eligible to participate as protégés, including AbilityOne, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). This expansion is aimed at fostering a more inclusive environment for a diverse range of small businesses to collaborate with

NASA and its prime contractors. These updates ensure that more small businesses can contribute to NASA's mission and benefit from this impactful program.

We are confident that the enhanced MPP will offer even greater opportunities for small businesses to support the Agency's mission and programs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NASA MPP or the upcoming relaunch, please feel free to reach out to Mr. David E. Brock, NASA MPP Program Manager, at MSFC-NASAMentorProtegeProgram@mail.nasa.gov or via phone (256)-544-7768.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight D. Deneal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dwight" being the most prominent.

Mr. Dwight D. Deneal
Assistant Administrator
NASA Office of Small Business Programs