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PATHWAYS FOR OUR SUCCESS: BREAKING BARRIERS & ACCELERATING THE SPACE ECOSYSTEM

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29–30 March 2023 | Houston, TX

EVENT PROGRAM GUIDE

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2023

1500 HRS CT  WELCOME
Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA
Joe Poist, Vice President, Civil Space, Space Business Unit, SAIC

1510 HRS CT  OPENING REMARKS: SETTING THE VISION
Vanessa Wyche, Director, NASA Johnson Space Center

1530 HRS CT  PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE(S)
Andy Hines, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Foresight, University of Houston

1600 HRS CT  CHARACTERIZATION OF RISKS AND BARRIERS – PERCEPTIONS VS REALITIES
Moderator: Ian Christensen, Director, Private Sector Programs, Secure World Foundation
Jason Kalirai, Mission Area Executive for Civil Space, Space Exploration Sector, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
Tim Kopra, Chief Executive Officer, Nanoracks
Todd May, Senior Vice President, Science and Space, KBR
Joe Poist, Vice President, Civil Space, Space Business Unit, SAIC

1645 HRS CT  NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
Sponsored by Barrios Technology

1715 HRS CT  KEYNOTE: CHARGE TO MOVE FORWARD
Michael Gazarik, Vice President, Engineering, Ball Aerospace

1745 HRS CT  EXPANDING THE LEO STAKEHOLDER BASE
Moderator: Sam Gunderson, Partnership Development Lead, Exploration Technology Office, NASA Johnson Space Center
Mark Gittleman, Chief Strategy Officer, Aegis Aerospace
Randi Lillard, Orbital Reef Program Manager, Blue Origin

1815 HRS CT  INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENTS
Moderator: Kathy Laurini, Human Space Exploration Strategy, Dynetics
Mark Gittleman, Chief Strategy Officer, Aegis Aerospace
Randy Lillard, Orbital Reef Program Manager, Blue Origin

1900 HRS CT  WELCOME RECEPTION
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THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023

0700 HRS CT NETWORKING BREAKFAST LEAGUE CITY
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0800 HRS CT OPENING REMARKS
Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA

0815 HRS CT KEYNOTE: SUSTAINING THE MOMENTUM
Kathryn Lueders, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, NASA

0845 HRS CT FORECAST, TRENDS, & ANALYSIS ON EXPLORATION MARKETS
Carie Mullins, Director, Analytics, BryceTech

0915 HRS CT CHALLENGES TO COMMERCIALIZATION
Moderator: Nujoud Merancy, Strategy & Architecture Lead, NASA
Stephen Altemus, President and CEO, Intuitive Machines
Christian Maender, Executive Vice President, In-Space Solutions, Axiom Space
Kirk Shireman, Vice President, Lunar Exploration Campaign, Lockheed Martin
Dan Tani, Director, Business Development Operations, Human Exploration Operations, Northrop Grumman

1000 HRS CT FIRESIDE CHAT: TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS DRIVING THE FUTURE
A.C. Charania, Chief Technologist, NASA
Nick Skytland, Chief Technologist and Director, Business Development & Technology Integration Office, NASA Johnson Space Center

1030 HRS CT NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
Sponsored by JES Tech

1100 HRS CT SPEED AND AGILITY IN THE EVER-CHANGING SPACE ECOSYSTEM
Steve Cook, President, Dynetics

1130 HRS CT INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS (BREAKOUTS)
Charles Stegemeoel, Director, NASA Business Development and Capture Management, Leidos

1230 HRS CT NETWORKING LUNCH
Sponsored by Cimarron

1400 HRS CT PROGRAM UPDATES
Moderator: Catherine Koerner, Deputy Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate, NASA
Chris Culbert, Manager, Commercial Lunar Payload Services, NASA
Christopher Hansen, Deputy Program Manager, Extravehicular Activity and Human Surface Mobility Program, NASA
Angela Hart, Manager, Commercial Low Earth Orbit Development Program, NASA
Amit Kshatriya, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Common Exploration Systems Development, NASA
Emma Lehnhardt, PP&C Manager, Gateway Program, NASA

1500 HRS CT NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
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1530 HRS CT REPORT-OUTS FROM INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS

1615 HRS CT PATHWAYS TO OUR SUCCESS – TAKING OPPORTUNITY TO THE NEXT STEP
Dan Dumbacher, Executive Director, AIAA
Mark Nappi, Vice President for Commercial Crew, Boeing
Marshall Smith, Vice President for Exploration, Voyager Space
Bill Weber, Chief Executive Officer, Firefly Aerospace

1715 HRS CT CLOSING REMARKS
Julie Van Kleeck, Space Domain Lead and ASCEND Executive Producer, AIAA

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