

GOOD NEWS**Boeing employee named 2001 Buyer of the Year**

Russell Carroll, Boeing Director of Buyer Management and Procurement, was named 2001 Buyer of the Year by the Houston Minority Business Council (HMBC). The award was presented at the Council's quarterly luncheon recently.

Carroll was selected from a field of 50 nominees representing 23 Fortune 500 companies throughout Houston. The award is presented annually to an individual who, in the past three years, has successfully increased expenditures



Russell Carroll

and efforts towards the growth and development of minority business firms.

Carroll joined The Boeing Company in 1978 as a material planner in commercial airplanes. He held numerous positions in Wichita, Philadelphia and Seattle before being transferred

to Houston to support the International Space Station program in 1993. His efforts in Houston have included doubling dollar expenditures with minority

business enterprises from \$13.2 million in 1998 to \$26.5 million in 2000.

He also has been proactive in providing minority suppliers the opportunity to compete exclusively for engineering and technical services contracts exceeding \$100 million for the ISS, Space Shuttle and other Houston-based programs. He also created a forum to communicate specific procurement needs to the local community and established an ISS Supplier of the Year award to recognize and celebrate the exceptional accomplishments of suppliers.

"I applaud Russ Carroll for his vision in ensuring minority participation in the Boeing ISS program," said Brewster Shaw,

Boeing Vice President and General Manager. "His guidance has helped contribute to the success of our Small Business program and helped us promote a unified ISS team consisting of our customer, our company and our suppliers."

Boeing is NASA's prime contractor to design, develop, manufacture and assemble the ISS.

The Houston Minority Business Council is involved in increasing and expanding business opportunities and business growth for minority business enterprises. Its membership consists of 230 major corporations and more than 800 minority-owned businesses. ■

Wayne Thomas receives NASA procurement honor

Wayne A. Thomas was recently selected as NASA Procurement Supervisor of the Year. He has been supporting the procurement organization in various positions since 1990, and was promoted to supervisor in 1998.

As Deputy Manager of the Space Station Procurement Office, Thomas provided the leadership to restructure the ISS Prime contract with Boeing, which was valued at \$537 million. The restructure accomplished three Program goals:

- Re-establishing a cost performance incentive by converting the contract to cost-plus-award-fee with a cost factor.

- Reorganized the Exhibit A Statement of Work (SOW) into Design, Development, Test and Evaluation (DDT&E); Integration and Operation; Spares; and Other Product Development. The restructure of the SOW allows Boeing to concentrate on completing DDT&E and allows NASA to participate in the management of effort to accomplish element and launch package integration and assembly sequence planning and implementation.

- Globally settled approximately 38 requests for equitable adjustment, avoiding a significant and prolonged distraction to the Pro-

gram. This action also cemented the Boeing overrun of \$986 million.

Thomas participates in real-time decisions related to ISS Prime contract changes. This past year, 305 changes (109 UCAs) with an absolute value of \$679 million were cemented. Thomas provides the ISS technical managers' recommendations on scope and implementation strategy. Under his leadership, the Changes Team continues to manage an active workload of 66 UCAs and other letter RFP actions with a value of \$190 million.

Thomas also has the responsibility of managing 27 active contract and grants with a total value of \$700 million. At the same time, he guided the

efforts of procurement professionals as they tackled several new competitive and noncompetitive procurements. One of the more significant contract actions was the negotiation of \$100 million of additional goods and services for the Russians.

Interviews conducted by the HQ Procurement Survey Team noted: "The Space Station Procurement Office stood out especially as an area where members felt the organization was functioning very effectively and job satisfaction appeared to be relatively high based on employee comments."

The office received nine strengths and no weaknesses from the Headquarters Procurement Management Survey. ■

JSC Graphics and Exhibits groups receive national recognition

The IMPASS contract's Graphics and Exhibits departments were recently named winners in the Communicator Awards 2001 Print Media Competition.

The IMPASS Graphics department received the competition's highest honor, the Crystal Award of Excellence, for the design of the STS-98/ISS Destiny Laboratory commemorative poster produced for Spaceflight Awareness.

The combined efforts of IMPASS' Graphics and Exhibits departments earned the Award of Distinction, the competition's second highest honor, for JSC's newest event exhibit, which premiered at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Recently members of the Graphics and Exhibits teams were recognized as winners in the Communicator Awards 2001 Print Media Competition.

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The Communicator Awards is a national awards organization that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. JSC's winning submissions were selected from the competition's 3,344 entries, which were submitted by leading corporations, advertising agencies and communications firms throughout the United States and from several foreign countries. ■

Valuable insight: Special day allows children to visit JSC

Share the wonder of working at JSC with your kids. This year's Bring Our Children to Work (BOCTW) Day is Friday, June 15, at the Gilruth. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the presentations will be from 9 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Students will be treated to a "tour" of the International Space Station (ISS) using Virtual Astronaut. The Virtual Astronaut team members are Stacey Morrison, Steve Taylor, Cathy Gardner, David Kiss, Deborah Washington, Kevin Repa and Stephanie Castillo.

Chris Culbert and Jennifer Rochlis will present information on the newest technology in robotics.

Although various organizations may be planning activities and tours specifically for their own employees and students, parents/sponsors are encouraged to focus activities on the official Gilruth observance and within their own primary work area to minimize disruption to scheduled work activities. In addition, all JSC security and safety policies should be adhered to at all times.

Parents/sponsors may bring a maximum of two students (ages 9-15) to the presentations, and parents must remain with their students during the presentations. Students won't require badges; however, the students must be with an officially-badged adult during their visit to JSC.

"We have a few changes too from last year's event," said Jessie Hendrick of the Equal Opportunity Programs Office (EOPO). "Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance will be limited to the fire-code capacity of the

Gilruth. Only one morning session will be offered." She added that one of the students' favorites—a lunch special at both cafeterias 3 and 11 consisting of two corn dogs and fries for \$1.95—will still be offered. The beverage will be an additional charge.

Hendrick said the Gilruth event is one that kids will love. "BOCTW is a rare opportunity for your children to get an inside look at two different areas of work here at JSC," she said. ■

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