

Meeting Minutes:

- **Meeting Kick-Off** – Jim Lasswell and Dr. Ray Moberly
Link to recorded video of meeting on Chapter's Youtube channel -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Szz0tHSdnc>
- ❖ **NDIA National:** Wes Hallman (SVP – Strategy & Policy), Kea Matory (Legislative Policy Director)
 - While the Executive Order on the COVID crisis, and Section 3610 of the CARES Act which covered many companies' workforces), only extends through Sep. 30th, we are obviously still in the midst of the same considerations.
 - NDIA continues to advocate for the extension of 3610 and its funding.
 - All such bills are currently hostage to the current political climate and election, so we are not expecting any legislative action over the next month.
 - Have been very active on Section 4003 which included \$17B for companies that work in National Security.
 - This relief takes the form of loans and is tremendously undersubscribed. Only ~\$700M has been applied for and approved so far, leaving \$16.3B uncommitted.
 - So National is advocating for these funds to be allocated to 3610.
 - Also advocating for using some of these funds to plus-up the SBIR Program, specifically Phase II & III, in order to ensure that the small innovative companies in the Defense Industrial Base are supported in this turbulent time, and continue to invest in future warfighter capabilities. Would keep workforces working on developing critical capabilities, rather than paying them to sit idle.
 - Many may be aware of the concern over the use of Defense Industrial Act usage and a \$1B fund of which ~\$700M was used to shore up the Supply Chain, which has been getting quite a bit of play in DC lately. There is much heat on this but does not appear to be a policy change coming down on this.
 - In general, between COVID and the Election, policy movement is effectively seized up and is not expected to see much progress until after the election.
 - Continuing Resolution seems to be taking shape to extend through 11 Dec., but while it may extend the CARES Act to that date, there are not currently any appropriations attached to that.
 - Not seeing much movement in a new COVID Relief Bill. The NDAA was supposed to go to Conference but are now hearing there will not be any action until after the election.
 - Acquisition Reform Working Group – composed of NDIA, ITI and a number of other associations relevant to this sector. Have gone through the NDAA provisions relevant to the Defense Industrial Base.
 - Section 889 – NDIA supports a modification suspending implementation, pushing it out a year for companies to figure out what is actually in their systems.
 - Will be sending out input on all relevant sections of the NDAA, but again, don't expect any action until after the election.
 - CMMC – A lot of turbulence on this and the Accreditation Body. Numerous resignations in the course of kicking off this body, but Interim Rule will be released imminently, so strap in for activity on this subject.

- NDIA's official position – They are “constructively supportive” but have a focus on a number of ways it effects their constituency, including the desire to make this an allowable cost.
- Jim Laswell – Thanks to National for all the insight into their meetings with SECDEF, SECNAV, etc., which the chapter always provides to its membership.
- ❖ **Wrap-up on Virtual Gold Coast**
 - Amazing effort by all. Over 1,000 attendees. Site is still up, and will be so for a year, containing all information that was disseminated throughout the event.
- ❖ **Cyber/CMMC Update:** Dr. Tony Lopez (Indus), Chris Newborn (DAU)
 - Dr. Lopez
 - Cyber Labs – Two cohorts conducted in the classroom, and meanwhile were contacted by El Camino College to construct both in-class and online curriculum, which are complete.
 - Follow-on cohort was conducted online successfully.
 - Notifications will be sent in late Oct. timeframe for attendees in next cohort.
 - Also looking at monetizing it and utilizing the Employment Training Panel Support from the State of California, which could be utilized with California companies.
 - Chris Newborn
 - DFAR's Rules have been released on an Interim basis, having completed internal review, and will be released for public comment next month to be completed by the end of the year. But there is concern about many of the components not being ready yet.
 - OSD is pushing the Acquisition Workforce to put FAR 52.204-21 and DFARS Clause 252.204-7012 into contracts right away. ACMMC requirement was already inserted into the STARS III contract vehicle.
 - In truth there is no guidance under the rule-making process as to what parts of the DFARS Clause should be included (Adequate Security, Incident Reporting, Flow-down).
 - Will NIST 800-171 still be valid?
 - Will CMMC completely supersede NIST?
 - Unknown. While backchannel input has been that CMMC will completely supplant NIST, there is nothing official yet.
 - Level 1 – Which effects about 90% of GovCon's, will have a cost associated with it now (previously was to be no-cost to the Contractor).
 - Quite a bit of concern about what documentation and artifacts will be required at this level given small GovCon's unfamiliarity with these types of assessments. Currently little to no insight into what auditing authorities will require.
 - Estimating it will cost a small business in the range of \$15K-\$30K to do the assessment, which will not be viable for many.
 - There is much conflicting guidance that muddies the waters of expectations. One the one hand, there are tales of thousands of contractors needing to be certified in short order, and contracts not being awarded without proof of certification.
 - On the other hand, the standards for the auditing authorities, training to those standards, expectations of costs and what will be designated as allowable, have not even been decided yet. This speaks to implementation still being a way off.

- Bottom line is there is still no picture on the process for certification, timeline to complete, costs.
- ❖ **NAVWAR Office of Small Business Programs:** Dan Deconzo (Director) – Daniel.deconzo@navy.mil
 - Sent Jim Laswell a link this morning to a new database to gather details on small firms they are dealing with. Sure Jim will forward that so that you can enter your companies details.
 - If you need a copy of NAVWAR’s long-range forecast, send an email to him and he will forward it.
 - New long-range forecast expected in November.
 - NSWC Corona’s Industry Day on 14 Oct., 8:30am-12:30pm
 - NAVWAR OSBP will be participating in the NDIA Fall Forum on 28 Oct.
 - Navy OSBP is ramping up a “Virtual SBIR Roadshow”. Education for SYSCOM’s on the program and how they can get involved.
 - ❖ **NIWC Pac OSBP:** Mary Lake – mary.lake@navy.mil
 - Woman-owned and Economically Disadvantaged Woman-owned Small Business Certification Requirements go into effect on October 15th. If you have not certified by that date you will not be eligible to participate in the program.
 - Posted to the Federal Register – Update to the Buy American Act posted on Set. 14th that increases the domestic content requirements and the price preference and increases the percentage of use of domestic supply for iron and steel products. Make sure to review if it applies to you as comments are due by Nov. 15th.
 - For SBIR Program there was a notice of posted to the Federal Register regarding the DFARS implementation of the Data Rights as applies to the SBIR Program. Comment due by October 30th.
 - ❖ **Fall Conference**
 - Next one coming up. Every year we bring together NAVWAR and NIWC Pac PMW’s and Portfolio Managers that cover their mission responsibilities and requirements, along with contracts they have coming up.
 - Will of course likely be a virtual event this year.