

Meeting Minutes:

- **Meeting Kick-Off** – Jim Lasswell
- ❖ **Gold Coast 2021:** Jim Laswell
 - WILL be virtual this year
 - Date is – Sep. 1st & 2nd
 - Please volunteer to help! Contact Frank Mueller.
- ❖ **Member Appreciation Event**
 - For NDIA Members at Mr. A's may be held in late summer to initiate getting back to in-person events.
 - If you aren't a member you should think about becoming one prior to this event.
- ❖ **NDIA National:** M.L. Mackey (Small Business Division)
 - Have a Small Business Division virtual meeting on Friday, May 14th from 11:00-12:00 EDT.
 - Rocky Mountain Chapter is having a Small Business Legislative Event on April 30th, 11-12:30 MDT. They are going to have Senator Hickenlooper and Congressman Crow speak.
 - <https://ndiarmc.org/product/ndia-rocky-mountain-chapter-small-business-virtual-roundtable/>
 - Then their Staffs will be sticking around to talk.
 - If you are interested in SBIR's this may be a good event to get in on.
 - Congressman Crow is a big proponent of SBIR's and has written some legislation with Wes Hallman and Kea Matory to move some of the CARES Act money into follow-on SBIR Funding.
 - DMSMS Working Group on Microelectronics coming up. If you are interested contact M.L.
 - Contacts
 - NDIA Staff – Carizza Rosales, crosales@ndia.org
 - SBD Chair – M.L. Mackey
 - Chair Legislative Affairs & Policy – Ally Veres
 - MicroElectronics Division SBD Liaison – Nikhil Senhoy
 - Manufacturing Division SBD Liaison – Laurie Moncrief
- ❖ **NIWC Pac:** Mary Lake, mary.lake@navy.mil
 - DoD posted a Request for Comments yesterday on the Federal Register regarding the Executive Order on America's Supply Chains. They are looking for feedback and comments are due on April 28th.
 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-13/html/2021-07539.htm>
 - Interested in comments on the policy objectives as they affect the U.S. and Global Supply Chain for Strategic and Critical Materials.
 - Tuan is working on the update to the forecast and that should be posted sometime next month.
- ❖ **NDIA SBC:** Kurt Worden
 - Great Small Business Forum with Serco. Make sure you attend the next one currently being planned for late June/Early July.

- Market Survey currently posted for Shore-based C4ISR and Command Center Design, Engineering, and Installation Support Services.
 - If you want to try to get this set aside for Small Business, you need to respond to the survey.
- Category Manager Updates
 - WOSB – Robin Lipka
 - Major event last year was the SBA change to WOSB and EDWOSB Certifications. As of October 15, 2020, self-certification is no longer acceptable.
 - Any that are still only self-certified are not able to respond to any WOSB set-aside.
 - SBA does have free online certification for WOSB's and EDWOSB's, and have approved third-party certifiers like the Women's Chamber of Commerce.
 - 8(a) – Merv Cutler
 - Trying to collect data for Congress (Senator Feinstein and others) on how we are helping 8(a)'s in the pandemic timeframe.
 - There have been contracts that have not been able to be let in this environment, so he is attempting to circle the wagons with both NAVWAR and NIWC to gather data.
 - Congress is interested to know how 8(a)'s can be helped with some of their DoD contracts, specifically direct awards.
 - State of California Small Business Advisory Council is interested in ways to support 8(a)'s.
 - Attempting to collect data for them and could use the assistance of other 8(a)'s to do so..
 - Hubzone – Joe Bulger
 - Been in touch with Dan Mahan, OSBP at Port Hueneme. They have made a plea for Hubzone participation which needs to be increased.
 - Joe has suggested barriers that can be knocked down to facilitate this:
 - One of the barriers to Hubzone Primes is various organizations mandating that Service Contracts be done Cost Plus Fixed Fee, and that they require prior Prime Past Performance, both of which knock out most Hubzone Org's.
 - Suggests carving out a piece of an activities work for Hubzone's at let it be served as T&M or FFP so the Hubzone doesn't have to have an approved cost accounting system. This would open things up to the vast majority of Hubzone Org's.
 - Prime Past Performance requirement has been knocked down at other activities such as NAVSUP Jacksonville and PEO Carriers.
 - SDVOSB – Joe Celano, joe@trabus.com, (858) 774-3843
 - Please reach out to him with any issue that need research.

❖ **NAVWAR OSBP:** Dan DeConzo

- Long-Range Forecast is scheduled to come out in May.

- Navy Gold Coast – NAVWAR Commander, RADM Doug Small will be one of the keynote speakers on day one.
- No word yet on relaxation of pandemic conditions to allow transition back to the office.
- ❖ **NDIA National:** Wes Hallman (Sr. VP of Strategy & Policy)
 - As political appointees come into the Pentagon, small business seems to be on their mind.
 - Conversations with Jesse Salazar, DASD for Industrial Policy focused on creating stability and forward-leaning efforts in OSB Programs.
 - CMMC is going through an internal 30-day review.
 - Likely in response to feedback Pentagon has gotten from multiple sources on the challenges to businesses (and small businesses) as pertains to cost and other factors.
 - NDIA will be passing on key inputs on what they think can be improved.
 - Great details on everything going on around CMMC can be found on NDIA Connect:
 - <https://connect.ndia.org/home>