

### Meeting Minutes:

- **Meeting Kick-Off** – Jim Lasswell
  - Expect in-person SBC Meeting in August or September (targeting August 19<sup>th</sup>).
    - Possibly a hybrid event (both in-person and virtual)
    - In advance of the Member Appreciation Event which will be scheduled in that timeframe.
- ❖ **NDIA National:** Kea Matory (Legislative Policy Director)
  - The Hill has been very focused on Confirmation Hearings. Various DoD positions have been confirmed without contentious activity.
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  - NDAA – ARWIG Package has gone to the members that provide feedback.
  - Senate has kicked the can down the road on the NDAA to July.
    - House is also trying to get it done prior to August recess.
    - Much suspicion that we will end up coming up against spending ceilings and require Continuing Resolutions to operate.
  - There is a lot of focus on infrastructure, including the Endless Frontier Act (championed by Senator Schumer), which makes significant investments in Research, Development, and Manufacturing of Critical Tech to preserve America's Global Leadership, getting a lot of attention.
    - NDIA supports.
    - Kurt Worden – Semiconductor and Lithium timelines have gone from 10 weeks to 18 months.
  - Quality of Life Hearings for all Services beginning.
    - Will have an impact on what is going on at bases for all Services.
  - In general, activity on Cheney and Jan. 6 Commission have taken the life out of most other work.
- ❖ **Gold Coast 2021:** Frank Muller
  - We are now 3-1/2 months out – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Much work going on with our virtual vendor, Underline.
  - In process of gathering sponsors, so please suggest to any companies you think might be interested.
  - Agenda due shortly.
  - Terry McKearney – If you found opportunities as a Sponsor, or for Networking and Matchmaking, please give this version of the virtual conference a chance. Much better platform this time around.
- ❖ **SECNAV OSBP:** Destiny White ([destiny.white@navy.mil](mailto:destiny.white@navy.mil))
  - She is contact for OSBP Webinars
  - Can be found on OSBP Website: <https://www.secnave.navy.mil/smallbusiness/>
  - You can join the mailing list at <https://mailchi.mp/9749ed42e270/donosbpsubscribe>
- ❖ **NIWC Pac:** Mary Lake, [mary.lake@navy.mil](mailto:mary.lake@navy.mil)
  - There has been an extension of the Hubzone Map Freeze to June 30, 2023.

- There is an 8(a) Competitive Requirement pre-solicitation that has posted to their e-commerce site. (NAICS 541330)
  - Also, a small simplified Construction effort has been posted for Small Business.

❖ **NDIA SBC:** Kurt Worden

- Socio-Economic Category Manager Updates
  - WOSB – Robin Lipka
    - Working with PTAC’s on some outreach.
  - 8(a) – Merv Cutler - [mcutler@cets-tech.com](mailto:mcutler@cets-tech.com)
    - Had conversation with Mary Lake concerning Direct Awards and how much business is going to the 8(a) community.
    - Looking for info to report to California Representatives in Congress and Senate on the number of things that are going on for 8(a)’s and what they need. Please provide input to Merv if you are an 8(a)!
      - Want to push for more Direct Awards through NAVWAR/NIWC.
      - 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
    - Not in attendance.
  - SDVOSB –Art Salindong, [art@trabus.com](mailto:art@trabus.com)
    - Nothing to report.