

NASA Dryden Awards Consulting Engineering Contracts

NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center has awarded contracts to five companies for professional engineering and management services to aid the center in acquiring world-class flight research, test and operational-oriented projects.

The fixed-price indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts cover a base period of one year with options for up to four additional years, depending on the results of services rendered. The total amount of each contract cannot exceed \$5 million over the five-year maximum performance period.

The five firms include:

- Aerospace Services International, LLC, Palmdale, Calif.
- The Padina Group, Austin, Texas.
- Crown Consulting, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- Lockheed Martin Services, Inc., Houston, Texas.
- **Zel Technologies, LLC, Hampton, Va.**

The five contractors were selected from proposals submitted by nine firms in response to a professional engineering services contract solicitation issued by NASA Dryden.

According to Dryden contracting officer Jim E. Kitahara, the terms of the contracts require the five firms to provide the NASA center with "expertise and assistance in developing long-term business relationships, both domestic and international, with government and industry from around the world. Emphasis will be on traditional aerospace applications utilizing the center's core competencies and capabilities, but non-traditional opportunities may also be sought."

One of 10 NASA field centers, the Dryden Flight Research Center is NASA's primary center for atmospheric flight research operations. Located at Edwards, Calif., NASA Dryden is chartered to research, develop, verify and transfer advanced aeronautics, space and related technologies.

Dryden also serves as a backup landing site for the space shuttle orbiters, conducts high-altitude Earth resources science flights, and has been chartered to manage the testing of the launch abort system for the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle under NASA's Constellation program to resume human exploration of the solar system.

For more information about NASA Dryden Flight Research Center and its research projects, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/> on the Internet.