



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

September 30, 2020

The Honorable James W. Morhard
Deputy Administrator
Office of the Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, DC 20546

Dear Mr. Morhard:

Thank you for your letter requesting support from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to conduct an industrial base survey and assessment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) and overall U.S. civil space supply chain network. Both the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Space Commerce and BIS are prepared to work with NASA on this multiyear effort to assess the health and competitiveness of the U.S. space industrial base, with a focus on human spaceflight and NASA robotic spacecraft mission components.

Our primary points of contact for this survey and assessment will be Matthew Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, and Kevin O'Connell, Director of the Office of Space Commerce. Mr. Borman and his staff in BIS's Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) are responsible for conducting industry-wide surveys and assessments under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and related executive orders.

OTE Program Manager Jason Bolton will work closely with your staff to establish an Interagency Agreement between our organizations and a Statement of Work detailing objectives and milestones for the multiyear project, consistent with the availability of funds. Mr. Bolton may be reached by phone at (202) 734-9665 or by e-mail at Jason.Bolton@bis.doc.gov.

The U.S. Department of Commerce welcomes the opportunity to work with NASA on this important field of industrial base policy and research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Dunn Kelley".

Karen Dunn Kelley