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Pictured above: EVA Exercise Device at NASA Ames Research Center used for evaluation of weightlessness on astronauts during long duration spaceflights

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Logical Innovations awarded contract at NASA AMES

Logical Innovations, Inc. added the NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) to its clientele with the awarding of the Ames Financial Support Services (ARC FSS) Contract to The Logical-R Joint Venture, a partnership formed with New Orleans based REDE, Inc. The contract phase-in for Logical-R and subcontractor Booz Allen Hamilton began January 14, with operations beginning March 1.

The ARC FSS contract will provide support in administrative management, resources management, financial management, program analysis & business integration, business systems support services, special financial analysis, and contractor travel & training.

NASA ARC is located at Moffett Federal Airfield in California’s Silicon Valley between the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale. The center which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2014 is named after physicist Joseph Sweetman Ames, a founding member and former chairman of NASA’s predecessor the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA).

With an annual budget of $860 million and approximately 2,500 civilian employees, NASA ARC’s Key Goals are to:

- Maintain expertise in information technology, aerospace and aeronautics research and engineering.
- Conduct research in space, Earth, lunar and biological sciences.
- Develop lead status for NASA in small spacecraft missions.
- Expand public and private partnerships.
- Contribute innovative, high performance and reliable exploration technologies.

Ames Research Center, one of 10 NASA field centers, is located in the heart of California’s Silicon Valley. For more than 75 years, Ames has led NASA in conducting world-class research and development.
For the fourth year in a row, Logical Innovations, Inc. was named a winner in the 2015 “Houston’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™” program.

The award was based on scores received from an assessment of the company’s human resources practices and an employee survey, administered by The Center for Research & Service and Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), compiling employee thoughts and opinions about their employment with the company.

Logical Innovations President/CEO, Denise S. Navarro attended the Houston’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™ Symposium and Awards Celebration on April 20 at the J.W. Marriott in Houston.

The 2015 ceremony also marked the second year in a row the company was named an elite winner. “After winning the Elite Award for Diversity and Inclusion in 2014, we were thrilled to win the 2015 Elite Award for Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention.” Navarro said.

The “Houston’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™” program is the regional leg of the national “101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For™” program. It is an awards competition designed to provide the business community with the opportunity to gain recognition, showcase their best practices and demonstrate why they are an ideal place for employees to work.

The program celebrates companies improving the lives of their employees as well as the community. Winning companies receive yearlong education, benchmarking, assessment tools and interaction with fellow winners.
Robert Canales, a 2015 graduate of Texas City High School has been named the recipient of the 2015 Logical Innovations, Inc. Scholarship.

Canales will receive $700 per semester during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, a cumulative value of $2,800, to attend College of the Mainland a community college located in Texas City, Texas.

Logical Innovations, Inc. president, Denise S. Navarro, presented Canales with his scholarship certificate on May 21 at the Texas City High School awards night. Aside from receiving his scholarship, Canales was also recognized as a Distinguished Achievement Program graduate.

In addition to completing the requirements to receive a high school diploma, the program required Canales to earn a score of 3 or above on a College Board Advanced Placement Exam, complete an original project under the direction of a mentor and judged by professionals in the appropriate field, earn a PSAT score that qualified for recognition as a Commended Scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and earn a grade of 3.0 or higher on courses that count for college credit.

For more information, or to apply for the Logical Innovations, Inc. Scholarship, please visit the College of the Mainland Foundation website at http://www.com.edu/com-foundation/scholarships.php.

To qualify, applicants must attend a Galveston County high school, have a financial need, score a minimum 2.5 high school GPA, enroll in at least 6 hours per semester, and maintain a 2.8 college GPA.

I n October 2014, NASA awarded Logical Innovations, Inc. a five-year contract for services in support of the NASA Headquarters Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP). Logical Innovations will support NASA HQ OSBP in six key areas: Program Analysis, Budget and Purchase Request Preparation, Communications and Social Media, Conference Outreach, Mentor-Protégé Program Management, and Administrative Assistance.

Logical Innovations welcomed two new interns to the corporate office in March. Ismael Venegas and Zach Rowden, both students are in their final semester of the College of the Mainland (COM) Graphic Arts Program, having joined the Logical Team to assist with the National Parks Service project as well as various other graphics related tasks such as web production, corporate communications development and the publication of this newsletter.

Venegas is a 2012 graduate of Dickinson High School. Upon graduation from the two-year graphic arts program, he intends to complete a Bachelor’s degree in Communication with an emphasis in Graphic Design at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. It was during a car ride with his parents that a 5-year-old Venegas knew what career path he wanted to pursue. “When we drove into downtown Houston for the first time, I saw billboards everywhere, and I wished I could make one that everyone would see as they drove through,” Venegas said. “After this, I knew that one day finding a job where I could create movie posters, newsletters, and newspaper ads would become a top priority.” His dream job would be working as an artist at a design firm.

Rowden is a 2012 graduate of Clear Brook High School. He plans to attend either the University of Houston or the University of Texas at Dallas to complete his Bachelor’s degree in animation and multimedia. “I have always loved art,” Rowden said. “When I was a high school sophomore, I was approached by the graphic arts teacher and she recommended I take her course to give me a different approach to the world of art.” His dream job would be working for Lucasfilm in Animation/Special Effects.

College of the Mainland is a two-year community college located in Texas City, Texas. Logical Innovations has an established relationship with college through the Logical Innovations, Inc. Scholarship awarded annually through the COM Foundation to a graduating Galveston county high school student. The inaugural recipient will graduate this May.
A Message From the President

Happy 2015! Yes, I know, I’m way behind, but it’s been that kind of year already. But, I’m not complaining—far from it. We started off with a bang, and haven’t stopped running since. It has been FANTASTIC! 2014 was quite a winning year for us, five contract awards, with our largest transitioning in January 2015.

So, needless to say, we are reaping the rewards of our hard work and perseverance. It does happen, and it’s all possible because of the dedication of and solid reputation built by our wonderful employees. I can never say that enough. When we receive such glowing feedback on the company, it’s all due to the people with our clients day in and day out, making us look good. So, thank you and relish in our new, continuing success. If these first months of 2015 are any indication of the year, this one also promises to be one of our best. In addition to the new growth, our existing customers and contracts continue to expand—with one note of the SEWPV award released earlier this year. I am so proud to continue to be part of that amazing team.

Once again, we were recognized as One of Houston’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For, and we also received their 2015 Elite Award in the category of Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention. This honor has now been bestowed upon us by you four years in a row. I look forward to our continued conversations throughout the year, and welcome your inputs to this newsletter. I’ll close out borrowing my favorite closing line (to us) from one of our wonderful program managers in saying, thank you for all you do for us!

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Congratulations to graduating employees!

We would like to extend our congratulations to our employees who graduated this Spring semester.

Erwin Coleman,
Contract Specialist
on the USAID contract close-out project in Silver Spring Md, earned a Masters of Arts in International Relationship and Public Policy within the Department of Political Science from Howard University.

Kristin Tauber,
Procurement Tech on the PSC contract at NASA JSC, graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology from the University of Houston—Clear Lake.

Zach Rowden,
Intern at the Logical Innovations corporate office, received an Associates of Applied Science—Graphic Design/Web Design from College of the Mainland.

Ismael Venegas,
Intern at the Logical Innovations corporate office, also received an Associates of Applied Science—Graphic Design/Web Design from College of the Mainland.