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MSES II Contract Re-compete: Procurement Doing the Right Thing

The MSES II is a \$500 million engineering services contract a Goddard. The re-compete for this contract stretched everybody to really examine procurement in a new way. Participants will work through a case study on the procurement story and interact with several key people involved from GSFC Leadership. Procurement is a difficult subject to garner lessons learned because of the unique and sensitive nature of each one. This case study shows not only that there are important lessons but that it is possible to get to the core lessons and learn from them. Anyone facing a major procurement would benefit from participating in this session.

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Dr. Edward Rogers is currently the Chief Knowledge Officer at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt Maryland. Edward joined NASA in May 2003 as the Center's Chief Knowledge Architect working first in the Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate and then in the Office of Mission Success. He became the Chief Knowledge Officer for the Center in 2006. His programs and initiatives have been embraced not only at Goddard but also within the Agency. He introduced the popular yet simple Pause and Learn (PaL) process, developed a highly effective case study methodology, designed (and runs) the Goddard Road to Mission Success workshop series and promotes knowledge sharing and collaboration across the Center.

Edward received a B.S. in Agronomy from the Ohio State University, a Master's in International Business from the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. from Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The son of a physicist, he grew up in Saudi Arabia, attended boarding school in India and in the 1980s he and his wife performed five years of international relief work in Southern Lebanon. He continues to write and speak about how organizations can foster transparent learning to leverage collective intelligence.

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Mike Ryschkewitsch is NASA's Chief Engineer and was the Deputy Center Director at Goddard at the time of the case. Cindy Tart is an Assistant Director for Procurement at Goddard and was the procurement officer in charge of the MSES re-compete effort.

As Chief Engineer, Mr. Michael Ryschkewitsch is responsible for the overall review and technical readiness of all NASA programs. The Office of the Chief Engineer ensures that the agency's development efforts and mission operations are planned and conducted on a sound engineering basis with proper controls and management of technical risks.

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Mr. Ryschkewitsch earned his bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Florida, Gainesville, in 1973 and his doctorate from Duke University, Durham, N.C., in 1978. He has received numerous group achievement awards throughout his career. He has been awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, the NASA Medal for Outstanding Leadership, the Robert Baumann Award for contributions to mission success, and the NASA Engineering and Safety Center Leadership Award.