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## Successful Orion EFT-1 Launch

On December 5, 2014 Orion successfully launched atop a Delta IV Heavy rocket from Cape Canaveral; a two-orbit, four-hour flight that tested many of the systems most critical to safety. Arcata has supported Lockheed Martin in the development of the Orion spacecraft in the areas of Acquisition and Supply Chain Management since the contract's inception in 2006.

Arcata Executive Vice-President Anthony Ng, Program Manager Sam Davis, Project Specialist Dennis Wilson, and Sr. Buyer Audrell Samuels were on site at Cape Canaveral during the launch.



Photo Courtesy: Anthony Ng

"It was amazing to see the launch in person. Especially since we have worked this program since the beginning. To see the vehicle perform exactly as it was designed was very satisfying too," said Ng.

The Orion Flight Test evaluated launch and high speed re-entry systems such as avionics, attitude control, parachutes and the heat shield.

NASA's Orion spacecraft is built to take humans farther than they've ever gone before.



## President's Message

Summer is the season of growth and yes, more daylight hours; giving us more time to utilize our creative energies to the fullest. It's perfect timing for Arcata as we take on new responsibilities. In this newsletter you'll learn more about the new work Arcata is undertaking in Maryland, and Virginia as well as some changes to our role at Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB, California.

I want to take a moment to warmly welcome the new employees in these contracts. Earlier this year we took some time out to (Continued on Page 2)

recognize and honor a few Arcata employees in various programs who have stood out in this last year as embodying the values of the corporation. We named our Program Employees of the Year: Brandon Twasta, Michael Dukes, Leesa Feyk, Dan Hawley and Valetta Wheeler and we congratulate their efforts.

Wishing all of you a safe, productive and enjoyable summer.

## RF&ESS Subcontract Begins

Arcata continues to support the Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California as a subcontractor to InuTeq and the RF&ESS Contract. The contract began November 1, 2014.

Arcata's new role involves support for the Western Aeronautical Test Range (WATR), Research Aircraft Integration Facility (RAIF), Information Information Support Services (ISS) and includes telemetry/radar acquisition and processing (TRAPS) hardware and software, range display systems, real-time hardware and software processing, tracking and mobile systems, and communications and video control center. Arcata provides multimedia systems support; including audio and video technical expertise, imaging services, administrative and in-flight photography and video.

Arcata Site Manager, Robert Jones says the Arcata team plays a critical role in the program and his goal is to continue Arcata's record of excellence on the program, "I'm proud to be part of the Arcata team who recently scored in the excellent performance range in all of the Arcata WBS's for the first three months of the contract."

The contract continues for a five year period.



Photo Courtesy: InuTeq

Arcata's Lauren Alvey supporting the PAACIV Contract

## PAAC IV Subcontract at Goddard Begins

The startup of the Program Analysis and Control (PAAC IV) subcontract to ASRC Federal InuTeq began in January 1, 2015 and provides support services in the areas of general business, planning and scheduling/earned value management, specialized information technology and finance for the James Webb Space Telescope. The James Webb Space telescope at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland will be a large infrared telescope with a 6.5-meter primary mirror. The telescope will be launched on the Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana in October of 2018. Formerly known as the "Next Generation Space Telescope" (NGST), it was renamed after

former NASA Administrator James Webb in September, 2002. For more information on the James Webb Space telescope visit: <http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/> .

## JTE Subcontract to SRC in Virginia Begins

Arcata's Yvette Massie from the 4 Pillars Program explains Arcata's role in the JT&E Subcontract to SRC in Virginia:

*Can you describe what the 4 Pillars program is and generally how it relates to JT&E?*

**Yvette Massie:**

**The 4 Pillars also known as 4-PI stands for Four Pillars of Integrated Air and Missile Defense. The JT&E Program responds to the Warfighter's near-term needs for non-materiel solutions to fill critical gaps in joint military operations.**

*What is Arcata's and your role?*

**Yvette:**

**In a Joint Test it takes personnel with expertise in their field to assist in the successful execution of the Joint Test. Arcata has brought me on to assist the 4-PI staff made up of employees from Scientific Research Corporation (SRC), Booz-Allen-Hamilton (BAH), Systems Planning and Analysis (SPA), and Cervello Technologies (CT) to assist our military and government personnel in the development, testing, and evaluation of the 4-PI Joint Test products.**

*You're new to Arcata on this program, how would you describe the transition?*

**Yvette:**

**From the very beginning Arcata made me feel part of the Arcata team. Leesa Feyk and Terri Chafee in Human Resources were the first Arcata employees I spoke with. They made it clear they were excited to have me as part of the team. Barbara Connors and Connie Moore were always helpful when I had questions. I have worked for several companies throughout the years and Arcata was the first company where the President of the Company, Mr. Tim Wong, personally contacted me to welcome me. Throughout my time with Arcata Mr. Wong has e-mailed me just to give me an update or see how I was doing. Thank you for truly making me feel part of the Arcata team.**

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## AROUND ARCATA

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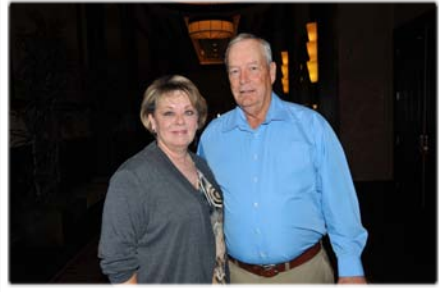
J-Tech Annex 3 Bowling Tournament



J-Tech Annex 4 Appreciation Dinner



MO&I Appreciation Luncheon



Barbara and John Connors

## ARCATA SPOTLIGHT: BARBARA CONNORS

Barbara Connors began working for Arcata on June 12, 1989 and has been with Arcata for 26 years. Barb (she prefers going by her nickname) started working as a Clerk, was promoted to Corporate Executive Assistant a position she held for 10 years. She then moved onto Human Resources and for the last decade has worked as Arcata's Facility Security Officer. Her superlative work in this position garnered two prestigious Cogswell awards for Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement. We sat down for a conversation with Barb about

her career at Arcata.

*Please describe your role at Arcata; what do you do and why is it important?*

**Barbara:** As a cleared defense contractor, the company's ability to maintain a facility clearance and our employees' ability to obtain and maintain their clearances is critical to Arcata's livelihood. Without these we would not exist. As the FSO, I have to ensure that we follow all guidelines set by the DoD in the NISPOM (National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual) - to report everything required by the government, which includes security violations, adverse information, foreign national contacts and changes in personal status. We also have to track and record all security training required by the NISPOM.

*How did you feel when you received the Cogswell award not once, but two times?*

**Barbara:** To receive two James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Awards (2008 and 2014) in my almost 11 years is incredible. Many contractors never get nominated for one and Arcata has been nominated and received 3 in their 35 years as a contractor. This is a great accomplishment for Arcata. Something like this can only happen when you have dedicated leadership, management teams and great employees.



Barb and John at the May 2015 high school graduation of their granddaughter Taylor in Georgia

*Tell us about your family.*

**Barbara:** My world. My husband, John, and I have been married for almost 34 years. Between us, we have three children – daughter Casey and two sons Marc and Nicholas. We have 6 grandchildren (Mackenzie, Alex, Taylor, Cheney, Savannah and Ryder), and in October will be adding 3 more to the bunch – Marc's fiancé, Casey (yes, my daughter-in-law to be is also a Casey) has two boys and a girl (DJ, Brandon and McKenna). Casey and her family live in Georgia, where we will be retiring to next year. Marc and his family live in South Carolina and Maryland and our son Nicholas lives in Las Vegas.

*What are your interests outside of work?*

**Barbara:** Visiting my family back east when I can and I love to just relax and read a good mystery/thriller. I'm hoping to begin playing golf again when I retire since the golf course will be part of my neighborhood.

*Do you have a 'life philosophy' or motto that you abide by?*

**Barbara:** Be professional in your job but have fun doing it. If it's not something you enjoy, then move on. Life's too short. One dictum instilled in me by my parents – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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## ARCATA PROGRAM EMPLOYEES 2014

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L-R, Ralph Decker, Tim Wong,  
Brandon Twasta, Buck Wong

### Buck W. Wong Award Winner and J-Tech

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Brandon Twasta of the J-Tech Annex 2 Program received the 2014 J-Tech Program Employee of the Year and the 2014 Buck W. Wong Award for most outstanding employee in the corporation. Brandon is a Mechanical Engineer and has performed exceptionally well since joining the company in 2007. In 2014, Brandon took the lead working with our Air Force customer and vendors on developing a replica of a Russian Surface to Air Missile (SAM) to provide aircrews with a visual representation of the real system and is key to our F-22 and F-35 support. Brandon's aggressiveness, drive to learn and willingness to take on challenges outside of what would be expected from an engineer in his position are admirable and a model to follow.



L-R, Tony Lissota, Jim Caldwell, Tim Wong,  
Gail Barnes, Michael Dukes, Allan McCaleb

### NSSC: Michael Dukes

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Michael Dukes of the NSSC program is a Financial Services Support Specialist. Michael is a liaison between NASA and the Treasury Department and serves to provide secure access for data transfer between the two finance systems. Among his accomplishments in 2014, Michael took the initiative to automate the Accounts Payable portion of the FIDO report improving efficiency to a savings of about 300 hours per year.



L-R, Tim Wong, Leesa Feyk,  
and Connie Moore

### Corporate: Leesa Feyk

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Leesa Feyk works in the Corporate Office as a Human Resources Generalist. Among Leesa's achievements in 2014, Leesa excelled in the area of stepping in and handling any and all tasks given to her during a year of continuous change for the HR department including being very involved in the implementation of the new national insurance carrier, as well as assuring a smooth 2014-15 Benefits Open Enrollment process.

### Orion: Dan Hawley

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Dan Hawley served as a Senior Buyer and was recognized as being instrumental in the highly complex Pressure Vessel procurements in addition to being recognized by the customer as exceeding their expectations.

### MO&I: Valeta Wheeler

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Valeta served as an Engineer/Scientist and her team at MO&I received a NASA group achievement award for their exceptional work in support of payload operations onboard the ISS. Valeta also plays an active role in her community through volunteer work in the Special Olympics, Giving Tree, Habitat for Humanity and Blessing in a Backpack.

Congratulations to all the Program Employees of the Year 2014. We salute your commitment to excellence!

