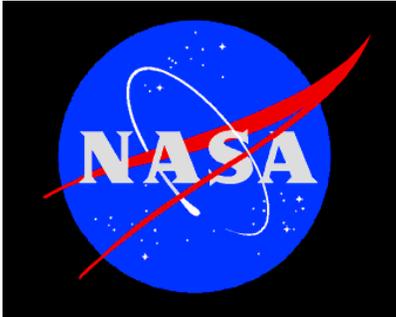


# Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)



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**Administrator:** Maj. Gen. Charles Frank Bolden, Jr. (USMC-Ret.)

**Department:** Independent

**Maryland Employees:** 3,000

**Procurement Contracts in 2015:**

- \$13,252,971,225 US Total
- \$1,838,481,741 Performed in Maryland

**History & Mission:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1958, partially in response to the Soviet Union's launch of the first artificial satellite the previous year. NASA grew out of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA), which had been researching flight technology for more than 40 years.

NASA's mission is to pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research. NASA conducts its work in four principal organizations, called mission directorates:

**Aeronautics:** pioneers and proves new flight technologies that improve our ability to explore and which have practical applications on Earth

**Exploration Systems:** creates capabilities for sustainable human and robotic exploration

**Science:** explores the Earth, solar system and universe beyond; charts the best route of discovery; and reaps the benefits of Earth and space exploration for society.

**Space Operations:** provides critical enabling technologies for much of the rest of NASA through the space shuttle, the International Space Station and flight support.

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## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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### Goddard Space Flight Center

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The Goddard Space Flight Center is a major NASA space research laboratory. Established as NASA's first space flight center, GSFC is the largest combined organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to increasing knowledge of the Earth, the Solar System, and the Universe via observations from space. GSFC is a major U.S. laboratory for developing and operating unmanned scientific spacecraft. GSFC conducts scientific investigation, development and operation of space systems, and development of related technologies.

Goddard scientists can develop and support a mission, and Goddard engineers and technicians can design and build the spacecraft for that mission. GSFC also operates spaceflight tracking and data acquisition networks, develops and maintains advanced space and Earth science data information systems, and develops satellite systems for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Goddard Space Flight Center is NASA's [Center of Excellence for Scientific Research](#), giving Goddard a focused agency-wide leadership responsibility in this area. Goddard is charged with being preeminent within the Agency with respect to the human resources, facilities, and other critical capabilities associated with scientific research. Goddard must maintain or increase the Agency's preeminent position in scientific research in line with NASA's program requirements of the Space Science and Earth Science Enterprises.

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