Subject: Federal Government Shutdown due to Absence of Appropriations

As of December 21, 2018 there is no longer appropriated funding for Federal Agencies, including NASA. As a result, the Johnson Space Center (JSC) installation will be forced to curtail operations on December 21, 2018 with limited exceptions for specific activities, unless additional appropriated funds are received by the Agency.

To the extent the subject contract includes work performed which requires civil servant oversight, the NASA employees will not be available for the performance of such work after December 21, 2018. Unless the Agency receives an additional appropriation on or before December 21, 2018, you are instructed to commence an orderly shut-down of your unfunded operations in a manner that ensures a complete shutdown of all those activities within four (4) hours of a normal start time on the first business day following December 21, 2018. Shutdown activities should also include employee workspaces.

To the extent work can be performed under the contract and the work does not require any civil servant oversight or other government support, such work shall continue as long as funds remain available for such performance. The “limitation of funds” clause in your contract will determine how long that work can continue. You are reminded that the date shown in the contract for funding coverage for this work is only an estimated date. Funds could actually be exhausted prior to that date or may cover performance beyond that date. You are encouraged to closely manage the available funding as additional funding will not be provided while the Agency is without appropriations. Also, you are cautioned to carefully plan the work to be performed as Government oversight and administrative personnel (e.g. quality inspectors) will not be available to support your ongoing activities. Contractors can continue to use their government provided IT and can access NASA’s systems through VPN to perform work under the contract.

You are to preserve resources and take all actions necessary to minimize costs incurred under the subject contract during this Government shutdown.

Deliveries will not be accepted at NASA facilities during shutdown; delivery trucks will be denied access at the gate, unless specifically authorized for excepted work.
The direction in this letter is in effect until appropriations are received by the Agency. You are encouraged to monitor the website found at https://jscsos.com/ to determine if appropriation have been received and normal operations have resumed. When normal operations have resumed, your employees should also return to their normal locations and duties, unless otherwise notified by their Contracting Officer. Once Federal appropriations again become available, funds can be added to your contract as deemed necessary, and Government oversight and administrative personnel will resume their ordinary duties.

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