

## **Ball Aerospace Hosts Business Supplier Conference in Huntsville**

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Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. held a business supplier conference here on Friday, April 27, to build relationships with potential local suppliers with applicable capabilities to support the company's pursuit of the Instrument Unit contract for the Ares I Launch Vehicle.

Since opening its office in February, Ball Aerospace has relocated 35 employees to Huntsville, including Bill Townsend, vice president for Exploration Systems. Ball Aerospace is accessing suppliers for fulfilling future requirements expected from NASA to support its design, development, and production phases of the Ares I Instrument Unit. The event created the opportunity for local suppliers to describe their capabilities to fulfill associated needs of the Instrument Unit life cycle. The Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle will launch the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle, the system currently being designed to replace the space shuttle after its retirement in 2010.

The day's activities concluded with a tree-planting ceremony at the Botanical Gardens that included Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, and President and CEO of Ball Aerospace, David L. Taylor. With the planting of the Skyrocket juniper, Taylor said Ball Aerospace was literally "putting down roots" in Huntsville.

"Since opening our office, Ball Aerospace has received an extremely warm welcome from the gracious and hospitable Huntsville community," said Taylor. "This week's events provided us with outstanding opportunities to meet with many of those who will ultimately support the work necessary for Ball's Ares pursuit," said Taylor.

Ball Aerospace currently has approximately \$24 million in business in the Huntsville area with suppliers that include Axsys Technologies, Inc., AZ Technology, SEA Wire & Cable Inc., Technical Micronics Control, and the University of Alabama, Huntsville, and many others.

Ball Aerospace supports critical missions of important national agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, NOAA and other U.S. government and commercial entities. The company develops and manufactures spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components, data exploitation systems and RF solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications. Over the past 50 years, Ball Aerospace has been responsible for numerous technological and scientific "firsts" and now acts as a technology innovator for the aerospace market.

Ball Corporation is a supplier of high-quality metal and plastic packaging products and owns Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Ball reported 2006 sales of \$6.6 billion and employs 15,500 people.

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