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NASA Brings New Business Opportunity Event to Cook County Manufacturers

COOK COUNTY – Cook County Board President Preckwinkle, the Chicago Metro Metal Consortium (CMMC), and the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) will host a 3-Day virtual event with NASA and its prime contractors to bring new business opportunities to manufacturers in Cook County and throughout Illinois. In 2020, NASA's prime contractors received over \$2B in contract funding to support the Marshall Space Flight Center's ongoing development of NASA's Space Launch System and its proposals to create complementary systems.

What: If you're a manufacturing company looking to work with NASA and its contractors, attend **this free 3-day series of virtual events**. Learn about the essentials of doing business with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Johnson Space Center, and its prime contractors; workshops to assist manufacturers in acquiring the necessary credentials to work with NASA and its contractors; and matchmaking opportunities for local, women, minority-owned, and regional manufacturers.

When: April 27 @ 9:00 am - 11:30 am

[How to Do Business With NASA Webinar](#)

May 4 @ 9:00 am - 11:30 am

[Join the NASA Supply Chain: Requirements and Resources Webinar](#)

May 18 @ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Illinois Manufacturing Matchmaking: NASA and NASA Prime Contractors](#)

Why: To provide manufacturers the opportunity to connect with large government contractors through subcontracting programs with the potential of growing their businesses and diversifying their supply chains.