

Eileen Collins Joins GB Tech as Program Manager of ITAMS Team

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HOUSTON, TX. Feb 24 – GB Tech announced today that Eileen Collins, former Space Shuttle Commander has been named Program Manager of the GB Tech-led Information Technology and Multimedia Services (ITAMS) team, based in Houston, Texas.

In 2008, GB Tech began pursuit of NASA's Information Technology and Multimedia Services (ITAMS) procurement, planned for mid 2009. Collins' main responsibilities will be to lead the team's Program Office for this effort.

"Eileen brings extensive program leadership, technical understanding, and strong public relations experience to this position," said Gale Burkett, CEO of GB Tech. "Her leadership, background and qualifications will be a perfect fit to lead this highly skilled team."

Collins' background includes 16 years of experience working with NASA in various leadership positions. Selected by NASA in 1990, Eileen became an astronaut in 1991. Initially assigned to Orbiter engineering support, she also served on the astronaut support team, worked in Mission Control as a spacecraft communicator, served as the Astronaut Office Spacecraft Systems Branch Chief, Chief Information Officer, Shuttle Branch Chief, and Astronaut Safety Branch Chief. Collins served as pilot on STS-63 and STS-84, and commander on STS-93 and STS-114. A veteran of four space flights, Eileen logged over 872 hours in space and retired from NASA in May 2006.

The NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Information Technology and Multimedia Services (ITAMS) contract located at JSC this spring. This new contract will merge requirements under the current JSC Information Management and Media Services (JIMMS) contract and the JSC Enabling Technology and Security (JETS) contract, as well as information technology requirements from 9 other JSC contracts.

GB Tech is a full-service engineering and information technology company, and is consistently recognized as one of the top 100 minority-owned businesses in Houston. Founded in 1985, GB Tech is a proven service provider, delivering high performance solutions to assist government and commercial clients in meeting their mission goals.

The GB Tech ITAMS team members possess unparalleled experience in information technology and multimedia solutions. That experience, coupled with new state-of-the-art processes and technologies, will provide the necessary elements to support the NASA mission in the future.

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