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TO: All Kennedy Space Center Civil Service Employees

SUBJECT: Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Deputy Director

I am very pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Janet E. Petro to the position of Deputy Director of KSC effective April 29, 2007.

Ms. Petro currently works for the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), located in St. Petersburg, Florida. At SAIC, she has served in various management positions, providing extensive program management and technical leadership since December 2000. In this capacity, she directly interacted with senior-level government customers and was responsible for overseeing program and project managers and providing operational guidance.

At SAIC, Ms. Petro held positions of increasing responsibility within their Satellite Beach Subsurface Engineering and Data Center Operations, including division and deputy operations manager. She directed technical teams in the design, installation, and sustainment support for the Subsurface Engineering and Logistics Support contract. In SAIC's St. Petersburg division, she led their Cooperative Engagement Capability Pre-Planned Product Improvement Program Team in developing supportability products for an upgraded signal data processing assembly.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Petro held various senior management positions with McDonnell Douglas Aerospace, including program manager for overseeing and executing a classified \$13 million U.S. Department of Defense program at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The program involved integrating, supporting, and coordinating payloads onto a variety of space vehicles at U.S. Air Force and NASA facilities.

Ms. Petro has had a stellar career with a significant involvement in aerospace; she is familiar with KSC and has prior work experience with some of us at KSC. Ms. Petro grew up in Central Florida, and her father was an integral part of the Apollo and Gemini space programs. She was selected to attend the U. S. Military Academy with the second class of females and graduated from West Point with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. She subsequently received a master's degree in business administration and management from Boston Metropolitan College.

Please join me in supporting Ms. Petro in this key position as we move forward in carrying out the Agency's mission of space exploration and scientific discovery.

To Janet, I say welcome aboard and welcome home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. W. Parsons".

W. W. Parsons