



SAIC's Cheryl Corbin Receives NASA Public Service Medal

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(HOUSTON) - SAIC's Space, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (SEAS) Group today announced that Cheryl Corbin, SAIC's Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) Safety and Mission Assurance (S&MA) section manager, was awarded the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) Public Service Medal.

The NASA Public Service Medal is the highest-level award available to a non-NASA employee and is granted for exceptional contributions to the mission of NASA.

Corbin is responsible for the safety and reliability assurance for all aspects of GFE design, development, test and evaluation, and sustaining engineering and operations for GFE manifested onboard the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station (ISS).

Corbin has represented S&MA on numerous projects including the Portable Breathing Apparatus, ISS emergency equipment and the assessment of intraventricular activity tools for use on Russian extravehicular activities. Additionally, Corbin developed improvements in the on-orbit configuration management system process for GFE.

"Cheryl Corbin's integrity, discipline and attitude of not letting things 'fall through the cracks' has brought respect to her from the ISS and Space Shuttle Program offices, and from Johnson Space Center Engineering Directorate, and these qualities brought respect to the S&MA GFE organization," said Gen. Jefferson D. Howell, Jr., director, Johnson Space Center. "Through leadership by example, Ms. Corbin brings integrity and discipline to the GFE project team."

The NASA Public Service Medal honors Corbin's motivational leadership and technical expertise for the development, assurance, sustaining and near real-time operational aspects of GFE. Her work allowed the S&MA group to expand their normal assurance role and contribute toward an effective configuration management solution supporting system integration for on-orbit GFE. This resulted in improved efficiency and cost savings.

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