

**Workshop on Multiple Aspects of Innovation**

**at NASA Johnson Space Center**

Gilruth Recreation Center | Alamo Ballroom

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**Keynote Presentation on JSC Creative Spaces**

**Mr. Joel B. Walker**

**In this presentation, Mr. Walker will discuss how the built environment, both formal and informal, supports workplace productivity and the lessons he takes from human spaceflight to apply to workscape design at the Johnson Space Center.**



Joel Walker currently serves as the Director of Center Operations at the Johnson Space Center. In this position Mr. Walker is responsible for providing the full range of base services necessary for the daily operation of JSC as well as unique and highly critical special systems for space flight support. Directorate functions include logistics operations, protective services, facilities construction, maintenance and operation, sustainability and environmental operations as well as a myriad of support services. Joel received his bachelors’ degree from the University of Tennessee and his MBA from the University of Houston Clear Lake. He has worked at three different NASA Centers in his 36-year career. He serves on the non-profit board of Space Center Houston as well as the Center for Agriculture, Science and Engineering (The Longhorn Project). He has also been designated the Chief Sustainability Officer for JSC.

Joel recognizes that his role includes improving productivity and health at JSC by using the built environment to support creative thinking and problem solving by providing the right mix of formal and informal spaces.

He has promoted and implemented several work areas designed to foster creativity in a non-typical way. The most significant of these areas is the co-working space called “1958”, housed in Buildings 56 and 57. This non-traditional space is used to challenge the meeting norms that come with the more common areas found at JSC and give employees a new way to interact and work differently.

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