



Lena Pascale Little leads the development of Regional Partnerships for NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. She is a science communicator with a unique ability to see beyond the program of record to leverage the value, assets and expertise of regional entities and stakeholders. She facilitates discussions and establishes partnerships and relationships that further advance NASA's mission work. Throughout her 12-year career at NASA, Lena has worked in the Office of Legislative Affairs and has led the planning of numerous large-scale events to engage the community, academia, external stakeholders and the general public to showcase NASA's

exciting research and inspire the next generation. Notable events she has led in planning and execution include NASA Langley's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House for over 20,000 members of the public and the management the Safeguard with Autonomous Navigation Demonstration - a \$2M transformational project designed to encourage small businesses to commercialize NASA technology and contribute to the advancement of technology readiness levels. She is preparing to lead a host of events this year to engage with the public and stakeholders to celebrate NASA Langley's 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Recently, she spent eight weeks facilitating the health and welfare of unaccompanied minors from Central America under the Department of Health and Human Services – advocating for the safe and fair treatment of children immigrating to America. She received NASA Langley's Transformation Project Manager of the Year award in 2020. She has a Bachelor of Science in management and leadership and a Master's degree of public administration in public policy and governance. She is a dog mom with a helicopter parenting style to Stella, a 6-pound Shih-Poo, and loves hosting social engagements – strongly believing in embracing every moment ripe for celebration, no matter how small.