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Congratulations Issa!

On behalf of the One NASA Team I would like to personally congratulate you and your team on being selected for the JPL One NASA Center Best Award.

Your team was selected from several high quality nominations by a JPL panel of judges. The judging criteria were: the degree to which the effort supports or advances NASA's Strategic Goals; the degree to which the effort integrates a One NASA Approach to problem solving, program management and decision-making; and the level of complexity involved.

Your team employed a collaborative approach to develop the Coupled Layer Architecture for Robotic Autonomy (CLARAty). Your effort provides a flexible framework to support the development and integration of robotic technologies across Centers, enabling the integration of robotics applications across platforms, applications, and functions, and enables the reuse of robotic software. In addition, your work has increased coordination between Centers, has moved the Agency closer to the achievement of the NASA Strategic Goals, and has set a standard for others to follow.

Your work is a shining example of what can be accomplished when the Agency pulls together as one team towards a common vision.

Congratulations again and thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely,

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