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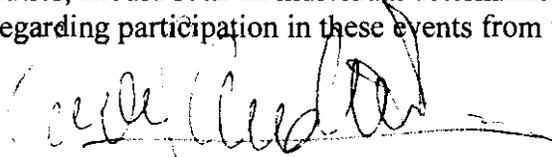
**SUBJECT:** Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at a Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) Reception Following the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) Groundbreaking Ceremony on February 24, 2006

On February 24, 2006, the CSC will sponsor a reception in conjunction with the NSSC groundbreaking ceremony at NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC). The groundbreaking and associated reception will mark and celebrate the beginning of construction of the permanent facility that the NSSC will occupy. This event will highlight the importance of NSSC, which is the first combined business services facility within NASA.

The CSC reception, which will take place immediately after the ceremony, will be widely attended by approximately 600 people from a wide variety of areas, including representatives of state and Federal government, community leaders, industry representatives, NASA employees, and other guests. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes light refreshments, is \$10.00 per person.

I find that the CSC reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the events. NASA employees will have an opportunity to meet with individuals from government, industry, and the local community, to discuss the importance of the NSSC and the partnership between NASA and the states of Louisiana and Mississippi. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect CSC, may accept an invitation for free attendance at the CSC reception.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect CSC, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in these events from their local ethics counselor.

  
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