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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

**TO:** Distribution

**FROM:** Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

**SUBJECT:** Determination Regarding Attendance at the Ball Aerospace Reception on April 3, 2007

On the evening of April 3, 2007, Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation (Ball) will hold a reception for the attendees of the Space Weather Enterprise Forum meeting at the Rayburn House Office Building on the Hill. Ball provides advanced imaging, communications, and information solutions to the government and commercial aerospace markets. Ball has invited approximately 700 people, including members of congress and congressional staff, as well as representatives of universities, industry, the National Air and Space Museum, and government agencies (NASA, DOD, NOAA, NSF, DOT, DOI, and DOE). The per person cost of the reception is \$30.00. The reception will provide an opportunity to promote knowledge and understanding of space weather and its effects on life and society.

I find that the Ball Aerospace 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 event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA representatives to exchange views on technologies that may be needed for future space missions with a wide-range of people from industry, academia, Congress, and other Federal agencies.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Ball, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Andrew Falcon".

R. Andrew Falcon