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Reply to Attn of: LS01

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Approval for MSFC Employees with Senior Institutional or Project Responsibilities to Attend a Pre-launch Reception Sponsored by Jacobs Technology

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

Certain MSFC employees with senior institutional or project responsibilities have been invited to attend a pre-launch reception sponsored by Jacobs Technology at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Cocoa Beach, Florida, on or about Tuesday, August 7, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is to be held in conjunction with the launch of STS-118, at the Kennedy Space Center.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of aerospace industry representatives, members of Congress, NASA employees, and members of the public. The reception is valued at \$20 per person and approximately 300 individuals have been invited to attend. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

Jacobs Technology is a contractor company that is currently involved in the Space Shuttle program, the Constellation program, and other significant contractual matters relating to NASA. Some MSFC personnel invited to attend this event presently, or may in the near future, have extensive involvement in matters relating to Jacobs Technology business interests.<sup>1</sup> These personnel are similarly situated in that they each have senior

<sup>1</sup> These personnel include the Center Director, Deputy Center Director, Associate Center Director, MAF Transition Director, Director of the Office of Center Operations, Director of Engineering, Director of the Office of Strategic Analysis and Communications, Director of the Office of Human Capital, Chief Information Officer, Manager of the Exploration Launch Office, Chief Counsel, Manager of the Shuttle Propulsion Office, Director of the Office of Procurement, Director of the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Science and Mission Systems Office, Deputy Director of Engineering, Supervisor of the Materials and Processes Laboratory, Supervisor of the Spacecraft and Vehicle Systems Department, Supervisor and Deputy of the Mission Operations Laboratory, Manager of the First Stage Office, and Supervisor of the Propulsion Systems Department.

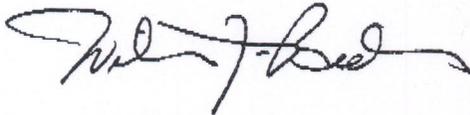
institutional or project responsibilities that could significantly influence current or future Jacobs Technology contracts.

I have determined that free attendance of these senior institutional and project leaders at the pre-launch reception is in the interests of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of these senior NASA employees at the event will help to raise NASA's profile with national and local business and governmental leaders, will contribute to community relations, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its programs.

Given the purpose of the event, NASA's interest in it, the broad attendance anticipated, and the modest market value of the event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having these senior institutional and project leaders attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees in the positions identified above may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. Free attendance by employees whose duties do not affect Jacobs Technology is addressed in a separate determination.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Pam Bourque at 256-544-0024.



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