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Reply to Attn of:

LS01(DMW)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Blanket approval for MSFC Employees to Attend a Reception and Dinner sponsored by The Boeing Corporation

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

NASA employees have been invited to attend a reception and dinner, sponsored by The Boeing Corporation (Boeing), in observation of successful completion of the Orbital Express Advanced Technology Demonstration System's final scenario. The event will be held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, located in Huntington Beach, CA on Friday, September 28, 2007.

This combined event will be a widely-attended gathering of aerospace industry executives, trade association members, and senior level NASA, MDA, U.S. Air Force, and DARPA employees. The event is valued at \$55.00 per person and approximately 250 individuals have been invited to attend. The event is fully funded by Boeing. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of NASA employees at the event will help to raise NASA's profile business and governmental leaders, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its activities. Given the purpose of the event, the broad attendance anticipated, and the modest market value of this social event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having employees 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 that have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Boeing are not covered in this determination and should contact Devinti M. Williams, at (256) 544-0012, to seek

a determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding their participation in this event.



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