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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Auxiliary Power Unit Out Reception sponsored by United Space Alliance,
October 31, 2007

On October 31, 2007, in conjunction with the ATK RSRM Technical Evaluation Motor No. 13 Static Firing in Utah, United Space Alliance will be hosting a reception after the static test of the Auxiliary Power Unit (APU).

Approximately 80 people have been invited. Attendees will include NASA personnel and industry representatives. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$40 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I have determined that free attendance of NASA employees is in the best interests of the Agency because it will further NASA programs and operations. It would provide an informal opportunity for NASA staff to confer and discuss the solid rocket boosters, APUs, the static firing of the motor with other attendees.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect USA may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect USA, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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

for R. Andrew Falcon