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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 Washington Mardi Gras Luncheon
January 25, 2008

On January 25, 2008, Greater New Orleans, Inc., will host a Washington Mardi Gras Luncheon at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC to honor the Louisiana's 2008 Economic Development. The co-sponsors of the luncheon are Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Bossier Chamber/Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Greater New Orleans, Inc., Louisiana Economic Development, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Port of Lake Charles, and South Louisiana Economic Council.

Attendees will be Louisiana's congressional members and their staffers, state and local government officials, industry, academia, business leaders from the greater New Orleans area, NASA personnel, other federal agencies, members of the public, and the media. Approximately 350 people will attend the luncheon. The estimated cost of the event is \$25.00 per person including food and beverages.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will allow individuals from a broad spectrum of industry and government to exchange ideas of economic development in the New Orleans area. The NASA/Stennis Center and the Michoud Assembly Facility are located in the New Orleans area and economic development is vital to these centers. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone