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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 NASA Lecture Series Luncheon and Lecture on April 21, 2008

On April 21, 2008, NASA will sponsor along with Lockheed Martin and the Space Policy Institute of George Washington University a lecture at the Morton Auditorium on the George Washington University Campus in Washington, D.C. at 3:00 p.m.

The lecture will be attended by representatives of academia, the aerospace industry, trade associations, Congressional staffers, Congress, and other Federal agencies. Approximately 300 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event, which includes food and beverages, is \$25 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 further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Professor Stephen Hawking, an acclaimed theoretical physicist, author, and researcher will lecture on "Why We Should Go into Space" and discuss the benefits provided by space exploration, scientific discovery and aeronautics research.

Attendance at the luncheon will allow NASA representatives to discuss the Vision for Space Exploration and NASA programs with the other attendees. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Lockheed Martin may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Lockheed Martin, 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.

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Adam F. Greenstone