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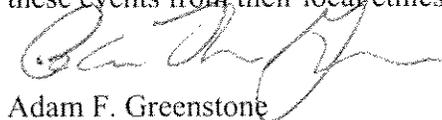
FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Boeing DC-9/MD-80  
Fleet Team Conference Events on May 12-15, 2008

On May 12-15, 2008, Boeing will sponsor a Fleet Team conference at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel in California for individuals from government and industry who are involved as owners and operators of the 717, DC-9, MD-80 and MD-90 airplanes. The conference will include breakfast, lunch, and snack served daily, one dinner, and two evening receptions. Specifically, there will be a reception on May 12<sup>th</sup> (\$60 per person with hors d'oeuvres and alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages); general session May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (\$275 per person including breakfast, lunch buffet, snacks, and nonalcoholic beverages); reception on May 13<sup>th</sup> (\$75 per person for hors d'oeuvres and alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages); and a dinner on May 15<sup>th</sup> (\$40 per person for sit-down dinner and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages). Approximately 637 individuals have been invited to attend from industry (Boeing, Delta Air Lines, FedEx, Raytheon, etc.); Government (NASA, USAF, US Navy), Foreign Government and Military officials (Saudi Royal Flight, Royal Netherlands Air Force, Mexican Air Force, Italian Defense Ministry); senior managers from corporate and private aviation organizations (MGM hotels, GE Capital Corporation, National Jets, FedEx), and other leasing, maintenance, repair and overhaul companies.

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. The conference events will allow NASA employees the opportunity to exchange views on technical engineering and maintenance as well as to discuss Fleet readiness in the context of the space program.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Boeing may accept an invitation for free attendance at the conference events. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Boeing, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(1) regarding participation in these events from their local ethics counselor.

  
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