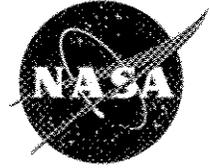


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Honoree Events on May 28–31, 2008

On May 28–31, the NASA SFA Program and co-sponsors ATK, Boeing, Lockheed Martin (LM), Pratt & Whitney, and United Space Alliance will host an SFA Recognition Event at Loews Royal Pacific Resort Hotel in Orlando, Florida, and at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC). The SFA Program is a NASA-managed, motivational program with invited representation from the NASA field centers, international partner representatives, and aerospace contractors having major responsibilities for human space flight mission success. The event will begin with an awards dinner on the evening of May 28, 2008, supported by NASA field centers and the SFA's industrial co-sponsors. On May 29, there will be an awards breakfast specifically for Johnson Space Center and LM honorees. The awards ceremonies will be held for the STS-124 honorees who are being recognized for exemplary contributions to human space flight safety and mission assurance. At both awards events, the industrial co-sponsors will provide beverages for all the guests at the approximate cost of \$12 per person. On May 30, the participants will tour KSC. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the participants will view the launch of STS-124. Approximately 700 people are expected to attend the SFA events.

I find that these awards events meet 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 these events because it will further Agency programs or operations. These events are of direct interest to NASA because they serve as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency and the importance of safety in the Human Space Flight Program.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the industry co-sponsors may accept an invitation attend the awards dinner and breakfast. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect any of the industry co-sponsors, 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 these events from their local ethics counselor.

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

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