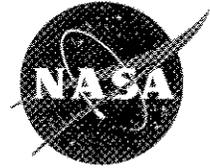


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Coalition for Space Exploration (CSE) Briefing and Luncheon, June 13, 2008

On June 13, 2008, the Coalition for Space Exploration (CSE) will host two presentations and one luncheon accompanying the latter presentation, for members and staff of the United States Congress. The first presentation is aimed at the Senate, and the second (with its accompanying luncheon) aimed at the House of Representatives. The speaker is Mr. Jeff Hanley, NASA's Constellation program manager. The presentations will be conducted in Senate and House office buildings, respectively. CSE's member companies include is comprised of member companies including ATK, Ball Aerospace, Boeing, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, Rocketdyne, and USA. Partner associations are Citizens for Space Exploration, National Space Society, The Planetary Society, and the Texas Space Grant Consortium. CSE "continues to recruit new members and partners in its campaign to increase support for space exploration. Membership in the Coalition for Space Exploration is open to any U.S.-based company or organization that supports the exploration of space and is willing to commit funding or other resources toward the cause of space exploration." (Source: <http://www.spacecoalition.com/AboutUs.cfm>)

The presentations will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional staffers, members of Congress, academia, and other Federal agencies. Approximately 50-60 Congressional members and staff, 40-50 industry representatives are expected to attend. About 5-10 NASA employees have been invited. The estimated cost of the lunch, which includes all food and beverages, is \$25.00 per person.

I find that the CSE 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 dissemination of Agency programs and operations. Attendance at the lunch will allow NASA personnel to hear a key Constellation official speak about NASA missions, accomplishments and results, and interact with other persons from government and industry concerned with making and implementing U.S. space policy. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect CSE or a majority of all of its members may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

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NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect CSE or its members, 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 black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone", written in a cursive style.

Adam F. Greenstone