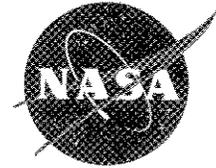


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: 2008 Annual Conference, Association of Science-Technology Centers  
Leadership Reception on October 17, 2008

On October 17, 2008, the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) will be hosting a "Leadership Reception" for selected representatives of principal agencies and companies, including exhibitors. The invitation was extended by the Franklin Institute to NASA employees.

Approximately 100 to 200 people will be invited, and about 150 are expected to attend. The reception will include persons from throughout the interested industry. Attendees will include CEO's and Senior staff from the Science Centers and Museums, presenters, sponsors, industry representatives, and members of the public. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$60 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g).

I have determined that free attendance of NASA employees is in the best interests of the Agency because it will further NASA programs and operations. It would provide an informal opportunity for NASA officials to confer and discuss NASA operations and future missions with key opinion leaders in science and technology disciplines, including with those persons who can include NASA content into teaching and instructional materials. These are subjects for a formal presentation by NASA at the conference proper.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their invited spouses or guests.

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 CFR § 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".

Adam F. Greenstone