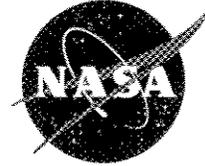


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Ball Aerospace 2008 Holiday Event on December 2, 2008

On the evening of December 2, 2008, Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation (Ball) will hold a holiday reception at Zola's in Washington, D.C. Ball provides advanced imaging, communications, and information solutions to the Government and commercial aerospace markets. The reception is open to all invited guests of Ball. Approximately 700 people are expected to be invited, including members of Congress and their staff, industry representatives, and employees from Federal agencies, including NASA, OSTP, Department of Commerce, and the Office of Management and Budget. The approximate cost of the reception is \$45-50 per person.

I find that the Ball Aerospace Reception 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. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA representatives involved in all aspects of exploration programs, various space and earth science programs to meet and discuss accomplishments and progress with a wide-range of people from industry, Congress, and other Federal agencies.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Ball, 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