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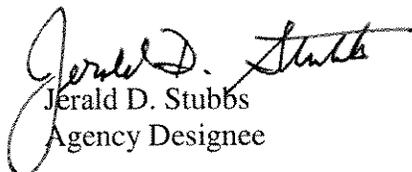
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Attendance at the Dedication of the Center for Aviation Training and Research

The Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) College of Aeronautics will sponsor the Dedication of the Center for Aviation Training and Research at the Melbourne International Airport in Melbourne, Florida on February 20, 2009. Approximately 400 guests from College of Aeronautics alumni, former FIT Aviation employees, community leaders including corporate and industry executives, aerospace leaders, representatives of Federal, state and local government, NASA personnel, and academia have been invited to attend a reception and dinner after the Dedication Ceremony. The cost of the event is \$30 a person.

This event is a "widely attended gathering." The event will provide agency representatives the opportunity to discuss matters of interest to NASA with officials from other Federal and state agencies, members of academia, and state and local government. It is in the Government's best interest for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend as representatives of NASA. In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, I have determined NASA's ongoing interest in the space education program and in encouraging students to make aviation, aeronautics and research a career choice outweighs the concern that free attendance at this event may, or may appear to, improperly influence NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect FIT may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect FIT should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.


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