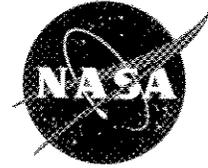


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the World Space Week Awards Reception on March 3, 2009

On March 3, 2009, the World Space Week Association, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception at the Cosmos Club, in Washington, D. C., from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p. m. The guest speaker is William Gerstenmaier, NASA Associate Administrator for Space Operations, who will be honored for his space outreach achievements.

Approximately 175 people have been invited. Attendees will include House and Senate Congressional members and staff, NASA personnel, industry representatives, other Federal agencies, airline executives, and members of the public. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$50 per person.

I find that this 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 allow individuals to recognize achievements in space outreach and space education and will showcase the results of the UN-declared World Space Week. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors or majority of its members may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

In addition, NASA employees may accept the following gift items: a test tube containing a living fern estimated at \$2.70, and a World Space week poster estimated at \$1.00.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, or majority of its members such as by way of procurement duties, or who are in non-career positions for which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009 requires signing an ethics pledge should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.


for Adam F. Greenstone