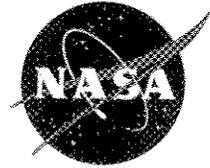


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the AIAA Baltimore & National Capital Sections Space Systems Technical Committee Town Meeting on May 6, 2009

On May 6, 2009, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Baltimore & National Capital Section (AIAA Baltimore & NCS) will host a Space Systems Technical Committee Town Hall Meeting, at Martin's Crosswinds, in Greenbelt, Maryland, at 5:30 p.m. The AIAA Baltimore & NCS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is the world's largest professional society devoted to the progress of engineering and science in aviation, space, and defense.

The speakers for the event will be Robert Strain, Center Director, NASA Goddard Space Flight, and past Goddard Space Flight Center Directors, A. Thomas Young, Dr. Noel Hinners, Dr. John Townsend, Joseph Rothenburg, and Alphonso Diaz.

The meeting will be widely attended by Federal officials from Government agencies, United States Congressmen and Senators, congressional staffers, and representatives of industry and academia. Approximately 100-200 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the luncheon, which includes all food and beverages, is \$32.00 per person. The meeting will allow NASA employees to provide aerospace information to the industry, university students, and civil service.

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 so that NASA invitees may attend the event without charge.

However, 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 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone