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FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, May 1-2, 2009

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) and Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNC) will host the upcoming U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on May 1-2, 2009. The Induction Gala will be hosted by ASF and held at the Apollo Saturn V Center on Friday evening, May 1, 2009. More than 600 guests are expected to attend the gala, which consists of a reception, dinner and program featuring prior and current inductees. On Saturday afternoon, May 2, 2009, ASF and DNC will jointly host the Induction Ceremony at the KSC Visitor Complex. Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony. A post-induction reception for 200 guests will follow. Guests at each function will include corporate and industry executives and workers, teachers, aerospace contractors, military leaders, space coast tourism and community leaders, space enthusiasts and representatives of Federal, state and local government. The cost for the gala and the reception is approximately \$35 a person.

I find 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. This event will allow NASA employees to honor and show support for the inductees. In addition, this event is a forum for the attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group of fellow attendees. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect ASF or DNC may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect ASF or DNC, 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 the Chief Counsel's Office.


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