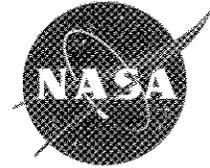


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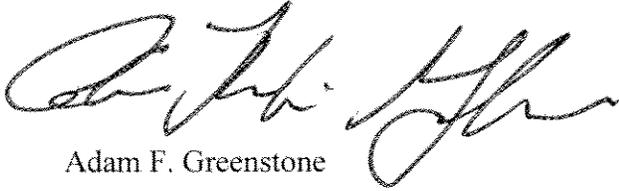
On June 24, 2009, the Stevens Institute of Technology is holding a reception in conjunction with the opening of its Washington, D.C. campus. The reception will be at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the opening of the Washington, D.C. campus, and to engage in an exchange of information with other technology leaders.

The reception will be widely attended by members of academia, national and international industry executives, and members of the federal technology community. Approximately 110 individuals have been invited to the reception. Food and non-alcoholic refreshments will be served at a cost of approximately \$14.00 per person.

I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will enable agency employees to discuss agency programs and operations. The event will also give NASA employees the opportunity to exchange views and perspectives on other technology topics with the representatives from the other communities in attendance.

Accordingly, NASA employees that have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the Stevens Institute of Technology, 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.

Attendees are reminded of the \$20 gift exception at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(a) which provides that employees may accept gifts valued at no more than \$20 per occasion (and no more than \$50 from one source in a calendar year). NASA invitees should not accept any gift items distributed at the reception which exceed the \$20 cap.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam F. Greenstone', written in a cursive style.

Adam F. Greenstone