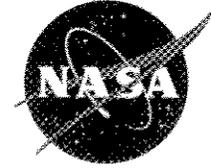


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at Fourth Annual NASA Day on the Hill on July 8, 2009

On July 8, 2009, the Coalition for Space Exploration will be hosting a reception at the Rayburn Foyer, Rayburn House Office Building, in Washington, DC, from 10:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. The co-sponsors are Jacobs Engineering, United Space Alliance, ILC Dover, United Technologies Corporation, Ball Aerospace, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, SAIC, Space Transportation Association, Boeing, ATK, SpaceX, Paragon Space Development Corporation, Honeywell, Analytical Graphics, Inc., Orbital Sciences, National Institute of Aerospace, and the Aerospace Industries Association. This will be an informative event, with an industry table consisting of educational literature and exhibits that talk to and illustrate industry's contribution to the aerospace, science and aeronautics missions set for the nation.

Approximately 600 to 700 people will be invited with about 150 expected to attend. Attendees will include House and Senate Congressional members and staff, NASA personnel, industry representatives, and members of the public. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$11 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 have determined that free attendance of NASA employees is in the best interests of the Agency because it will further NASA programs and operations. Attendance at the event will allow attendees to educate the public and Congress on what NASA and its contractors do in support of human spaceflight, space exploration, space science, earth science, and aeronautics research.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their invited spouses or guests. 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. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the sponsors the cost of the reception.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.

Adam F. Greenstone