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FROM: Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Lockheed Martin Corporation Reception Following TEDxNASA, November 20, 2009, Newport News, Virginia

In conjunction with TEDxNASA, Lockheed-Martin Corporation is hosting a reception at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2009, at the Ferguson Center, Newport News, Virginia. This reception will provide an opportunity for invited guests to discuss TEDxNASA, and for Lockheed Martin to introduce a similar discussion series.

Approximately 200 people have been invited to attend the reception. Expected attendees include NASA personnel, local and state officials, aerospace and technology business leaders, and members of academia. The estimated cost of the reception, which will include light refreshments less than a meal, is approximately \$20.00 per person.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g), and 14 C.F.R. §1207.103, I find that the reception meets the definition of a "widely attended gathering." I further find that there is an Agency interest in having NASA employees attend the event, as they will have the opportunity to further agency programs and operations through the exchange of views and information with other attendees. Invited NASA employees, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to these events.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, for instance by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in these events from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael N. Madrid".

Michael N. Madrid