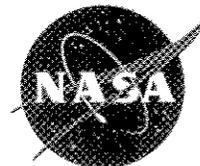


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Intrepid Museum Reception on November 20, 2009

On November 20, 2009, the Intrepid Museum, a non-profit organization under 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is hosting a reception at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, in New York, NY. The event is to celebrate NASA Weekend at the Intrepid and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apollo 12.

Approximately 150 people have been invited to the reception. The estimated cost of the reception which includes all food and beverages, is \$40.00 per person. The reception will be attended by NASA personnel, representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, members of Congress and congressional staffers, academia, and employees of other Federal agencies. I find that this reception 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 because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, 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 the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone