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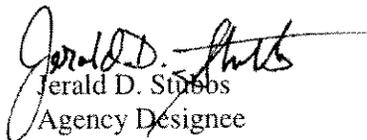
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Launch: Water Forum

On March 17, 2010, NASA, USAID, NIKE and the State Department will co-host a three-day Launch: Water forum at the Debus Center at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. On the evening of March 17, 2010, there will be a reception and dinner for the participants. Approximately 100 guests are expected to attend. These guests include members of the business and finance industry, entrepreneurs, University and NIKE researchers, product developers, and employees of USAID, Sandia Labs, and the Federal Government. The estimated cost of the reception and dinner is approximately \$87 per 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 to showcase emerging technologies centering around water management. I find that attendance will allow attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of mutual interest with a diverse group. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, 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. NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation of free attendance to the event.


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