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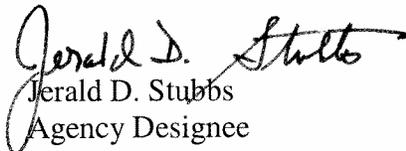
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Commercial Space Transportation Industry Workshop

On March 24-25, 2010, NASA Kennedy Space Center and Space Florida will host a Commercial Space Transportation Industry workshop in the Debus Center at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Approximately 80-90 guests are expected to attend. These guests include program and technical managers of aerospace companies, commercial space providers, and representatives from NASA, USAF, FAA, and Space Florida. There will be a lunch at the Debus Center and an evening reception at the Cocoa Beach Hilton in Cocoa Beach, Florida for all invited guests. The estimated value of the lunch at the Debus Center and the evening reception is \$30 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR §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 engage commercial spaceflight providers in discussions regarding KSC processes and infrastructure as well as new capabilities and technologies. Attendees will be able to describe KSC's Master Plan and share with other attendees the spaceport services that are available to support commercial spaceflight providers. Attendance will also help attendees better understand the needs of industry and address issues that may stand in the way of NASA KSC's plan to develop capabilities to achieve low-cost, routine, and safe access to space for all users. I also 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 Space Florida may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Space Florida, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR §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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