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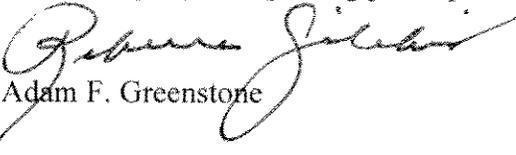
FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at a Poster Reception Honoring the 2009-2010 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows on June 4, 2010

On June 4, 2010, the 2009-2010 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception at the Hart Senate Office Building, 9th Floor Atrium (SH 902), in Washington, DC, from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Co-sponsors include Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education. The reception will be a poster session where the 2009-2010 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows participants will be honored.

The reception will be widely attended by Federal officials from Government agencies, local government officials, representatives of industry and private individuals, and academia. Approximately 150 people have been invited and are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$20.00 per person. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The event will provide NASA employees to discuss the mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the communities participating in the reception.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. However, 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. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

for 
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