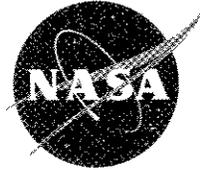


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Reply to Attention LS01 (AMM)

June 15, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Blanket Approval to attend the Armed Forces Luncheon at the Von Braun Center Sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

NASA invitees may attend the 2010 Armed Forces Luncheon sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce at the Von Braun Center North Hall on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. The purpose of the event is to honor all branches of the Armed Forces.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 800 representatives of the armed forces, government, small businesses, and the community. Lunch will be served at a cost of approximately \$20 per person. The event is fully funded by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR §2635.204(g)(2).

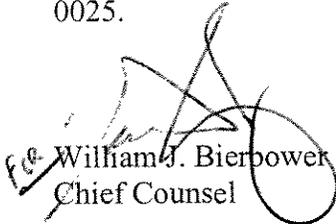
I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of NASA employees at the event will help to raise NASA's profile with state and local business and governmental leaders, will contribute to community relations, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its activities. Given the purpose of the event, the broad attendance anticipated, and the modest market value of this event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having employees attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees that have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, or a majority of its members, are not covered in this determination and should seek a specific

determination from this office pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding their participation in this event.

The Huntsville Chamber of Commerce is not a lobbying organization and is not registered as such under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Annette Metcalf Coffel at 256-544-0025.


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