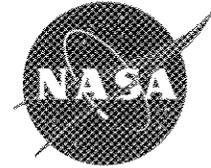


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Congressional Reception-Albert Einstein Fellowship Program 20th Anniversary on June 28, 2010

On June 28, 2010, Congressman Michael Honda and the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception at the Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room (2168), in Washington, D. C., from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. This event will celebrate 20 years of teacher contributions to STEM education through the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program.

The reception will be widely attended by Federal officials from the legislative branch, past and present Einstein Fellows and family members, representative of the aerospace industry, Triangle Coalition members and affiliates, industry representatives, the media, academia and other employees of other Federal agencies.

Approximately 250 people have been invited and are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$35.00-\$45.00 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. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA employees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs with representatives of the communities participating in the reception and learn about current Einstein Fellowship program activities.

Accordingly, NASA employees--including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490--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.

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

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