

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546-0001



July 7, 2010

Reply to Attn of:

General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at an ET-138 Roll Out Ceremony on July 8, 2010

On July 8, 2010, Lockheed Martin Corporation, will host a reception including a continental breakfast at the Lockheed Martin Washington Operation, in Arlington, VA, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. This event is to recognize the final Space Shuttle External Tank which will be rolled out of the hanger at the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, LA for delivery to the agency for the STS-134 mission.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 65 representatives of NASA, the aerospace industry, legislative branches, trade associations, academia, the media, educational and community leaders. The cost of the event will be approximately \$13.50 per person. I find that the event 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 event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The event will provide NASA employees with the opportunity to discuss the STS-134 mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the communities participating in the event.

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 sponsor, 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. Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge, may only attend if they reimburse the sponsor the cost of event for themselves and any accompanying guest.

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

Adam F. Greenstone