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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women In Aerospace Roundtable on July 28, 2010

On July 28, 2010, at 8:00 am, Women in Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization incorporated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host an event co-sponsored by the MITRE and Northrop Grumman corporations. The event, entitled *UAV's: New Challenges, New Opportunities – A Panel Discussion*, will feature comments by Jennifer Clarke of NAVAIR, Andrew Lacher of MITRE, Lt. Gen, Thomas McInerney, USAF (Retired), and Joy Trott of Northrop Grumman. Michael Bruno of Aviation Week will serve as the moderator.

WIA members and non-members respectively pay \$10 and \$15 to attend. However, any U.S. Government employee may register and attend for free, and WIA has posted this opportunity on its public Internet site. Accordingly, because free attendance to this event is an opportunity available to any interested Federal employee regardless of rank, it is not a gift prohibited by Federal ethics provisions. See 5 CFR 2635.203(b)(4). I additionally note that the refreshments being offered will be a simple buffet of coffee, croissants and similar items that would not alone constitute a meal. Accordingly, any NASA employee, including NASA employees in non-career positions for which the Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge, may attend.

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

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