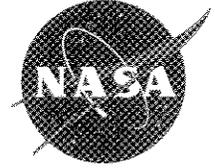


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at an OCIO IT Summit Reception on August 16, 2010

On August 16 2010, the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA), a non-profit research and education institute, along with co-sponsors Cisco, Hewlett Packard, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft, ESRI, Indyne, PTC, Belarc, Grant Thornton Company, Google, Verari, Apple, ArcSight, Belarc, RIM/Blackberry, CDW-G, Esri, eTouch, vmWare, Unisys, and the AIAA will host a reception at the Gaylord National, in National Harbor, Maryland, from 6:00 p. m.-8:00 p. m. This event will provide the attending IT workforce broader perspectives on the global IT landscape by giving NASA IT personnel the opportunity to communicate about NASA IT programs with other Federal personnel and professionals from the for profit, non-profit and academic sectors.

The reception will be widely attended by employees from NASA and other Federal agencies, and representatives from industry, academia, and relevant professional societies. Approximately 800 people have been invited and 400 are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$69.00 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 an opportunity to discuss NASA programs their work supports with representatives of the communities attending the reception. The event will also enable attending NASA employees to gain important information on emerging technologies and IT management practices.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. *However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors listed above, 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 sponsors the cost of the reception.

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

Adam F. Greenstone