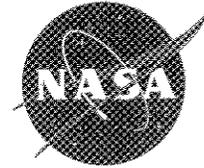


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at "In Orbit: The Satellite Revolution" Reception on September 15, 2010

On September 15, 2010, the Maryland Space Business Roundtable (MSBR), and the National Air and Space Museum (NASM), a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, along with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, is hosting a reception at the National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, D. C. from 6:30 p. m.-9:30 p. m.

Approximately 1, 200 people have been invited and 175 are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception including all food and beverages, is \$95.00 per person. The reception will be attended by NASA personnel, representatives of the aerospace industry, state and local officials, the media, the legislative branch, academia, and employees of other Federal agencies. I find that this reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow attendees to discuss the accomplishments from NASA's Earth observing fleet, while highlighting Goddard's essential role in monitoring the Earth today and into the future and to exchange information regarding various NASA programs. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

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. § 2635.205(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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