

National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
**George C. Marshall Space Flight Center**  
Marshall Space Flight Center, AL 35812



August 19, 2010

Reply to Attn of:

LS01 (AMM)

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**FROM:** LS01/ William J. Bierbower

**SUBJECT:** Approval for MSFC Employees with External Relations  
Responsibilities to Attend the Fourth Annual Space Camp Hall of  
Fame Dinner

In accordance with 5 CFR. § 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

Certain MSFC employees with external relations responsibilities have been invited to attend the Fourth Annual Space Camp Hall of Fame Dinner sponsored by the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (USSRC), scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010, at the USSRC Davidson Center for Space Exploration.

This event is sponsored by the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The keynote speaker for the event will be Lori Garver, NASA Deputy Administrator and Adult Space Academy Alumnus. The dinner is held each year to recognize and induct distinguished Space Camp alumni into the Hall of Fame. The purpose of the event is to induct the 2010 honorees into the Space Camp Hall of Fame.

This event is open to all current and former Space Campers and their families, local community and civic officials, local elected officials and political leaders, government employees, Redstone Arsenal leaders, contractor employees, local business leaders, members of the press, space and aviation enthusiasts, the academic community, economic development community, and others. Approximately 350 guests are expected and tickets for the dinner cost \$22. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2).

The USSRC is an agency of the State of Alabama, and is the visitor information center for Marshall Space Flight Center. The USSRC is committed to educating the public about the history of the U.S. Space Program and the work being done at MSFC.

The MSFC Center Director; Deputy Director; Associate Directors; Office of Strategic Analysis and Communications (OSAC) External Relations Director and Supervisor; Protocol Team Lead, and Protocol Specialist have been invited to attend this event.

MSFC personnel invited to attend this event presently, or may in the near future, have extensive involvement in matters relating to USSRC.

These personnel are similarly situated in that they each have external relations responsibilities that could significantly influence current or future agreements with USSRC or could significantly affect the interests of USSRC.

I have determined that free attendance of these individuals at the event is in the interests of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of these NASA officials at the event will help to raise NASA's profile with local business and governmental leaders, will contribute to community relations, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its programs.

Given the purpose of the event, NASA's interest in it, the broad attendance anticipated, and the reasonable market value of the event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having these individuals attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees in the positions identified above may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests.

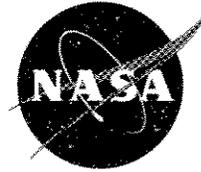
The USSRC is not a lobbying organization and is not registered as such under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Annette Metcalf Coffel at 256-544-0025.



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SUBJECT: Blanket Approval for NASA Employees to Attend the Fourth Annual Space Camp Hall of Fame Dinner

In accordance with 5 CFR. § 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

Several NASA employees have been invited to attend the Fourth Annual Space Camp Hall of Fame Dinner sponsored by the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (USSRC), scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010, at the USSRC Davidson Center for Space Exploration.

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Given the purpose of the event, NASA's interest in it, the broad attendance anticipated, and the reasonable market value of the event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having NASA employees attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the U.S. Space and

Rocket Center are not covered in this determination and should seek a specific determination from this office pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding their participation in this event. \*

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\* See separate 8/19/10 Memo  
re such civil servants. WJB