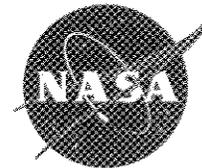


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women In Aerospace Reception on October 26, 2010

On October 26, 2010, Women In Aerospace (WIA), and co-sponsors, Northrop Grumman, MITRE Corporation, ATK, United Space Alliance, Lockheed Martin, Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corporation, SAIC, Intelsat General Corporation, Digital Globe, and Booz Allen Hamilton, will host a reception at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Pentagon City, in Arlington, Virginia, at 6:30 p. m. This event is to recognize and present awards to seven women in the aerospace field.

The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congress, academia, Federal agencies, and NASA personnel. Approximately 250 people have been invited and are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages is \$95.00 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). This event will provide NASA employees with the opportunity to discuss NASA's space program with other people who are interested in aerospace issues. 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.

However, NASA employees in non-career positions for which the Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the event sponsors the cost of the reception for themselves and accompanying guests. Moreover, 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. § 2635.204(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".

Adam F. Greenstone