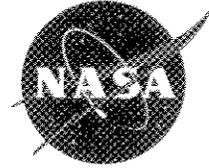


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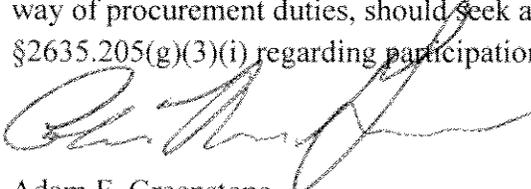
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Heads of Agencies Summit November 17, 2010

On November 17, 2010, the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) will host the Heads of Agencies Summit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. NASA Administrator will make opening remarks and give a brief address in the afternoon.

The host will provide a private breakfast and a lunch. Approximately, 60 people will attend the breakfast, which is valued at \$75.00 per person. Invitees will include the NASA Administrator and the Heads of Space Agencies, along with one guest and/or an interpreter, and IAA leadership. The luncheon is open to all Summit attendees and will include those who attended the breakfast, as well as representatives from the supporting industry and media organizations.

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 NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs, including matters discussed in the Administrator's remarks. Accordingly, NASA employees – including NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

However, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the 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.

  
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