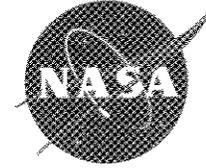


National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546-0001



January 21, 2011

General Law Practice Group

Reply to Attn of:

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the AMS
National/International Dinner on January 25, 2011

On January 25, 2011, the American Meteorological Society (AMS), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, will host a reception and dinner at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The reception and dinner is being held in conjunction with the 91st Annual Meeting of AMS, and is intended to provide participants of Annual Meeting with an opportunity to meet other leaders in the field, and discuss topics of common interest. The reception and dinner is being co-sponsored by Harris Corporation, IBM, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and Vaisala.

Approximately 250 people have been invited to attend, including representatives from NASA, other Federal agencies, academia, and the private sector. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$80.00 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

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.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect AMS or the co-sponsoring organizations, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect AMS or the co-sponsoring organizations, 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

Information Request for Widely Attended Gathering

1. Date of the event: **Date: Tuesday, 25 January 2011**

2. Sponsors (to include co-sponsors, if any): **Co-sponsored by Harris Corporation, IBM, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Northrop, Raytheon and Vaisala*

3. Per person cost of food and refreshments (estimated): \$80

4. Place and time of event:

Time: Reception 6:30p.m. Dinner 7:00p.m.

Place: Metropolitan A, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA

5. Characterization of event - for example, is it a reception or a dinner? **DINNER**

6. What is the purpose of the event? To bring together leaders, in the scientific arena, from all around the world to discuss current research and cooperation.

7. Approximately how many people in total will be invited? 250

8. Approximately how many NASA personnel will be invited? Please provide the names of the NASA invitees or attach a guest list.

Ming-Ying Wei	NASA
Theresa Freiburger	NASA
Ramesh Kakar	NASA
Jack Kaye	NASA
Mike Freilich	NASA

Jared Entin	NASA
Richard Fisher	NASA

9. Are guests of NASA personnel (such as spouses) invited too? **NO**

10. What types of people have been invited? (Examples might be: Congressmen and staffers, state and local officials, academia, industry representatives, NASA personnel, personnel from other Federal Agencies/DoD, members of the public, media, other contractors, etc).

11. Will there be gift items handed out? If so, please provide description and value. **NO**

12. Is there a fundraising aspect to the event? If so, please describe the fundraising portions of the event. **NO**

13. Please indicate if your organization employees lobbyists or engages in lobbying activities. **NO LOBBYING**

14. Please indicate if your organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. **YES, IT IS.**

15. Is there an invitation and/or website that have more information about the event? If so, please provide. SEE BELOW

You are cordially invited to the AMS National/International Dinner

On behalf of Keith Seitter, Executive Director of the AMS, I am pleased to invite you to the AMS National/International Dinner* where leaders of our community from around the world, will gather to renew old acquaintances and build new ones. The dinner will be held during the 91st Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society in Seattle, WA. Details are as follows:

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Time: Reception 6:30p.m. Dinner 7:00p.m.

Place: Metropolitan A, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA

Please *rsvp* to this e-mail or phone me at 617-226-3906 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Armstrong

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