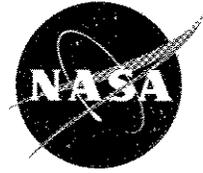


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February 22, 2011

Reply to Attn of: LS01 (AMM)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/ William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Approval for NASA Employees with Senior Institutional and Project Management Responsibilities to Attend the Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center Celebration Breakfast

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

Certain NASA employees with senior leadership responsibilities have been invited to attend the Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center (Sci-Quest) Celebration Breakfast on February 23, 2011. This will be a special celebration of Sci-Quest's 2010 achievements and its plans for 2011. Sci-Quest is a non-profit organization whose mission "is to motivate children to discover and explore the wonders of science, mathematics and technology, and to correlate their interest to the existing career fields throughout Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley." Topics will include upcoming Spring Break Camps.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 300 representatives of local elected officials, community leaders, local business and industry personnel. A continental breakfast will be served at a cost of approximately \$15 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR §2635.204(g)(2).

The Marshall Center Chief Technologist and Supervisor, External Relations Office, have been invited and plan to attend this event. These NASA personnel, presently, or may, in the near future, have extensive involvement in matters relating to Sci-Quest. These personnel are similarly situated in that they each have external relations responsibilities that could significantly influence current or future agreements with Sci-Quest or could significantly affect the interests of Sci-Quest.

I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations including STEM education initiatives. 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 nominal 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.

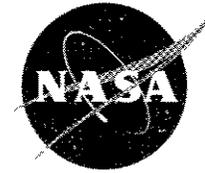
Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center is not a lobbying organization and is not registered as such under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

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

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William J. Bierbower
Chief Counsel

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/William J. Bierbower

SUBJECT: Blanket Approval to attend the Sci-Quest Celebration Breakfast

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

NASA invitees may attend the Sci-Quest Celebration Breakfast on February 23, 2011. This will be a special celebration of Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center's 2010 achievements and its plans for 2011. Sci-Quest is a non-profit organization whose mission "is to motivate children to discover and explore the wonders of science, mathematics and technology, and to correlate their interest to the existing career fields throughout Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley." Topics will include upcoming Spring Break Camps.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 300 representatives of local elected officials, community leaders, local business and industry personnel. A continental breakfast will be served at a cost of approximately \$15 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR §2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations including STEM education initiatives. The attendance of NASA employees 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 activities. Given the purpose of the event, the broad attendance anticipated, and the nominal market value of this event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having employees attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Sci-Quest Hands-on Science Center 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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William J. Bierbower
Chief Counsel