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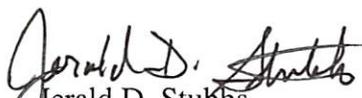
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the 2011 Engineers Week Awards Banquet, February 24, 2011

On February 24, 2011, The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS), the Cape Canaveral Sections of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), all non-profit 503(c)(3) organizations, will co-host the 2011 Engineers' Week Banquet at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral, Florida. This banquet is being held in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CCTS and will feature awards to outstanding engineers from the Space Coast. Matt Melis (NASA Glenn Research Center) and Mike Gordon (Space Shuttle Orbiter Leading Edge Structural Subsystem Manager 2001 – 2010) will be speaking on the topic of "Lessons from Columbia."

Approximately 300 people have been invited to attend, including representatives from NASA, other Federal agencies, academia, and Industry. The estimated cost of the banquet, including all food and beverages, is \$37.50 per person. I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having invited NASA personnel attend. In addition, attendees will be in a diverse forum conducive to disseminating information on NASA's ongoing and future activities and discussing matters of interest to NASA.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor, including those employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect any of the 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 the Chief Counsel's Office.

  
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