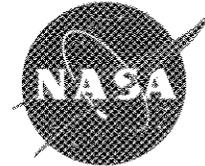


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Government University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR) Dinner and Conference on June 14-15, 2011

On June 14, 2011, the National Academy of Sciences Government University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a meeting and dinner from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at The Madison in Washington, D.C. The next day, GUIRR will host a conference from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the 20 F Street Conference Center in Washington, D.C., which will include a breakfast and lunch.

The purpose of this event is to engage in cross-sector dialogue among senior leaders from government (federal research agencies), academia and industry around the topic of high-risk and high impact research. Regina Dugan, the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will be the guest speaker at the dinner. The dinner meeting and conference will be widely attended gatherings of representatives of government, aerospace industry, business, and academic leaders. Approximately 62 people are anticipated to attend the dinner meeting and 78 are anticipated at the conference. The estimated cost of the dinner, which includes all food and beverages, is approximately \$75.00 per person. The estimated cost of the breakfast and lunch at the conference, which includes all food and beverages, is approximately \$50.00 per person.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a “widely attended gathering” as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in NASA personnel attending the event. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, 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.

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Adam F. Greenstone