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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (ATK) Reception on July 6, 2011

On July 6, 2011, Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (ATK), will host a Reception to celebrate the Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-135 flight. The Reception will be in the Doubletree Hotel, Three Wishes Restaurant, Cocoa Beach, Florida, from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Approximately 200 people have been invited to attend, including NASA personnel, representatives of the Executive Office of the President, state and local governments, academia, the media, and the aerospace industry, and employees of other Federal agencies. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$20 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 the sponsors, may accept an invitation for themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees serving in non-career positions for which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge, must reimburse the event sponsors for any refreshments they consume. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect 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 their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone