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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Workshop on Lifelong Learning hosted by National Science Foundation and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on September 11-12, 2011

On September 11-12, 2011, the National Science Foundation and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will host a Breakfast, Luncheon, Reception and Dinner in conjunction with the Workshop on Lifelong Learning in Hotel Palomar in Washington, D.C. This event will provide NASA employees an opportunity to discuss the mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the communities.

Approximately 70 people have been invited to attend the workshop. Expected attendees include industry representatives, academia, NASA personnel, DOD and personnel from other Federal agencies, and representatives from professional engineering societies. The reception and dinner will include food and beverages valued at approximately \$60 per person. The breakfast and lunch will include food, beverages and snacks valued at \$130 per person. In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g), and 14 C.F.R. § 1207.103, I find that the event meets the definition of a "widely attended gathering." I further find that there is an agency interest in having NASA employees attend the event, as they will have the opportunity to further agency programs and operations through the exchange of views and information with other attendees.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. However, 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.

Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 may accept free attendance at the event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone