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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women in Aerospace (WIA) Luncheon on October 4, 2011

On October 4, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a luncheon at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C., from 11 AM – 1 PM. The keynote speaker for this event is Erin Conaton, Undersecretary of the Air Force. Other organizations that will support this WIA hosted event include Aviation Flight Sciences, Ball Aerospace, Intelsat General Company, and Pratt and Whitney. As host, however, WIA makes all determinations on invitations and seating.

Approximately, 200 people are expected to attend. This conference will include attendees from NASA personnel, Members of Congress and Hill staff, the aerospace industry, various government agencies and entities, academia, and the media. The estimated cost of the luncheon, which includes all food and beverages, is \$70 per person. I find that the luncheon meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned luncheon is in the interest of the Agency because it will further agency programs and operations. Accordingly, 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 for themselves and their accompanying guest.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect WIA or any of the companies supporting the event, 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