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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 Attendees at the AIAA luncheon on November 10, 2011. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and a Former Astronaut

On November 10, 2011, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a luncheon at Pier 7 Channel Inn, in Washington, D.C., from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

Approximately 80 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$20.00 per person. The luncheon will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, academia, representatives of other non-profit organizations, NASA, and other Federal agencies. I find that 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 NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. The event will provide opportunities to NASA attendees to discuss innovation and other science and exploration related issues including NASA programs related to weather, climate, science and mapping. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsor, 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 AIAA such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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

Adam F. Greenstone