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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 by NASA Attendees at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Summit hosted by the Council on Competitiveness (CIC) on December 7, 2011

On December 7, 2011, the Council on Competitiveness (CIC), a non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host the 25th Anniversary Celebration dinner and the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Summit at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Ronald Reagan building in Washington, D.C., from 7:00 PM – 9:30 AM and 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM. A list of other organizations supporting the event is attached. As host, however, the CIC makes all determinations on invitations and seating.

Approximately 2200 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$275.00 per person. This event will be attended by Members of Congress, representatives of the aerospace industry, academia, labor leaders, NASA personnel, and personnel from 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 this event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will provide NASA attendees with the opportunity to discuss science and exploration related issues with other guests. Accordingly, NASA employees, 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 sponsors or a majority of the organizations supporting the event 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 black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone

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Manufacturing Competitiveness Summit, December 7, 2011**

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