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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Space Foundation and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency Reception on February 1, 2012

On February 1, 2012, the United States Space Foundation (USSF), a nonprofit organization under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, will host a reception at the Embassy of Australia, in Washington, D.C., at 6:00 PM. This event will provide an opportunity for representatives of government and industry to network and enhance cooperative efforts.

NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr., and Australian Ambassador to the United States Kim Beazley will make remarks at the event. Approximately 200 people have been invited to attend, including Members of Congress and congressional staff, representatives from academia, the aerospace industry and various other Federal agencies. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$33.00 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 with the other attendees.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the 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 themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to 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.

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Adam F. Greenstone