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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 Center for Advancement of Science in Space, Inc. (CASIS) Reception on April 18, 2012

On April 18, 2012, the Center for Advancement of Science in Space, Inc. (CASIS), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, will host a reception at the Broadmoor Hotel, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this event is the introduction of CASIS to people within and outside the space exploration and research community. Approximately, 50 people are expected to attend. This event will include attendees from the aerospace industry, Federal agencies, and the media. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$78 per person. I find that this event 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 event 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. Gift items identified by CASIS as not exceeding \$20 in value may also be accepted.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect CASIS, 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.

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

Adam F. Greenstone