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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 Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College Prize Summit II on May 3, 2012

On May 3, 2012, Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College will host the Prize Summit II, at 444 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 399, Washington, D.C., from 8:30 am – 1 pm. This event is a workshop that will begin with a roundtable and breakout sessions. The purpose of the event is to inform and educate individuals on the effectiveness of "challenge-driven innovation."

Approximately 100 people have been invited to attend, including NASA personal, DHS, DoD, ONR, DOE, DOT, HHS and personnel from other Federal agencies, academia, contractors, and InnoCentive staff. The estimated cost of the luncheon, including all food and beverages, is \$8.00 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.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the 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 sponsor, 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