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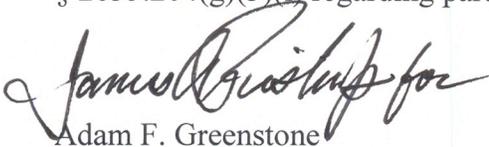
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Global Space Exploration Conference on May 21, 2012

On May 21, 2012, the Global Space Exploration Conference (GLEX) is being sponsored by Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Pièces, ULA and Battelle. The event will take place at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, in Washington, D.C. at 6 PM.

The purpose of this event is to have a pre show meeting of Heads of Space Agencies. Approximately 15 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$75.00 per person. NASA personnel will attend the event. 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. 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 themselves and an invited guest 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.


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