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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the 2012 Women in Aerospace (WIA) Conference Luncheon and Reception on June 1, 2012

On June 1, 2012, Women in Aerospace (WIA), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a luncheon and reception in the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, in Arlington, VA, from 8 am – 6 pm. Co-sponsors of the event include ITT Exelis, ATK, Lockheed Martin, Intelsat General, and Northrop Grumman.

NASA Deputy Administrator Lori Garver will be the keynote speaker. Approximately 400 people have been invited to attend, including NASA personnel, the White House, Members of Congress and staffers, state and local officials, academia, the media, representatives of the aerospace industry, and Department of Commerce, DoD and employees of other Federal agencies. The estimated cost of the breaks including all food and beverages is \$40 per person, the luncheon is \$40, and the reception is \$20.

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 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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