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FROM: Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at an August 6, 2012 dinner at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton, VA, hosted by Florida State University in honor of Professor Yousuff Hussaini

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

NASA invitees may properly attend an August 6, 2012 dinner at the Virginia Air and Space Center, Hampton, VA, hosted by Florida State University in honor of Professor Yousuff Hussaini.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 80 representatives of academia, industry and government, in honor of Professor Hussaini, director of the former Institute for Computer Applications in Science and Engineering (ICASE) at NASA Langley Research Center. Approximately 15 NASA employees are expected to attend, and the cost of the dinner is approximately \$120 per person. This event is held in conjunction with the Future Directions in Computational and Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Research Modeling and Simulation Conference being held in Hampton, Virginia, but is not an integral part of that conference.

I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned dinner is in the interests of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The attendance of NASA employees at the event will provide employees the opportunity to discuss the historic and future role of NASA in CFD research and other programs with interested members of academia and the CFD community. Given the purpose of the event, the broad attendance anticipated, and the cost of this social event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having employees attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Florida State University, and NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge, are not covered in this determination and should seek a determination

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pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding their participation in these events from their local ethics counselor.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Ken Goetzke at 757-864-3221.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael N. Madrid".

Michael N. Madrid
Deputy DAEO