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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 Women in Aerospace (WIA) Breakfast on July 26, 2012

On July 26, 2012, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a breakfast in the Rayburn House Office Building, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EADs North America is cosponsoring this event. As host, however, WIA makes all determinations on invitations and seating.

The purpose of this event is to facilitate discussions on earth observations and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Landsat mission. Approximately, 50 – 75 people are expected to attend. This event will include attendees from NASA personnel, the aerospace industry, academia, Department of Commerce, DoD, as well as selected members of the media. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$12.50. 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.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors or any of the companies supporting the event, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone