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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Maryland Space Business Roundtable (MSBR) Program and Reception on September 19, 2012

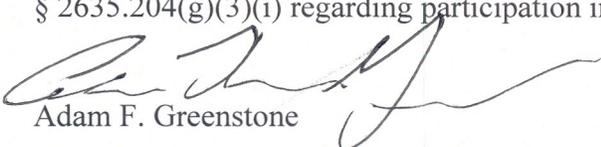
On September 19, 2012, the Maryland Space Business Roundtable (MSBR), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a program and reception at the National Air and Space Museum (NASM), in Washington, D.C., from 6:30 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. This event is to discuss NASA's future in science.

Approximately 1425 people have been invited to attend, including NASA personnel, personnel from other Federal agencies, Members of Congress and congressional staff, state and local officials, representatives of the aerospace industry, and academia. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$92.00 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 MSBR, 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 MSBR, 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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