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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) Annual Awards Dinner and Ceremony on November 1, 2012

On November 1, 2012, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host its annual awards dinner in the Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City Hotel, at 1250 S. Hayes Street, Arlington, VA from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is to award women in aerospace who have fulfilled the mission of being dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing visibility in the aerospace community.

Approximately, 400 people are expected to attend. This event will include attendees from NASA, the aerospace industry, academia, other Federal agencies, congressional staff, as well as selected members of the media. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$150.00 per person. 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 receiving an invitation from an organization other than WIA should seek an individual determination.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone