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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Center for International Science & Technology Policy (CISTP), on November 7, 2012

On November 7, 2012, the Center for International Science & Technology Policy (CISTP) at George Washington University (GWU), a not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will sponsor a luncheon. This event will take place at 1957 E Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C., 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. The purpose of the event is to inform George Washington University students, faculty and affiliates about the speaker Dr. Ray O. Johnson's work and views.

Approximately 150 people were invited to attend. Attendees will include NASA personnel and personnel from other Federal agencies, GWU alumni, GWU and other students, academia, industry representatives, and members of the public. The estimated cost of the event, including all food and beverages, is approximately \$10 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 on NASA's programs and policies. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor, 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 event sponsor, 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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Adam F. Greenstone