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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) and United States Space Foundation (USSF) Forum on February 11, 2013

On February 11, 2013, United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) and United States Space Foundation (USSF), both nonprofit organizations under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a forum at the 1615 H Street, NW, in Washington, D.C., from 11:30 AM to 5 PM. This event will provide an opportunity for representatives of government and industry to discuss developing new industries, opportunities in commercial space and entrepreneurial space efforts.

Approximately 200 people have been invited to attend, including Members of Congress and congressional staff, representatives from academia, the aerospace industry and various other Federal agencies. The estimated cost of food and beverages is \$66 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 with the other attendees.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the 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 themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, 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 black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone