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General Law Practice Group

Reply to Attn of:

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Satellite Industry Association (SIA) Leadership Dinner on March 18, 2013

On March 18, 2013, the Satellite Industry Association (SIA), a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code that does not employ registered lobbyists, will host a dinner at Mellon Auditorium, in Washington, D.C. from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Approximately 200 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$185.00 per person. The event will be attended by state and local officials, representatives of the aerospace industry, non-profit organizations, professional societies, academia, and other Federal agencies. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

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. Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. However, NASA employees whose duties 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.

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 I 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.

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

Adam F. Greenstone