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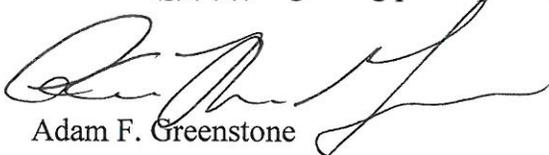
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal 100 Awards Gala on March 20, 2013

On March 20, 2013, FCW will host the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal 100 Awards Gala, at Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C., from 5 PM to 10 PM. The Federal 100 Awards will recognize government and industry leaders who have played important roles in the Federal government IT community.

Approximately 1000 people are expected to attend, including individuals from industry, Federal agencies, state and local governments, and members of the public. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$75.00 per person. Attendance at this event will allow NASA employees an opportunity to discuss with other guests NASA's missions and programs. 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. 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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