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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement's (IDGA) Cyber Defense & Network Security Summit on June 24-26, 2013

On June 24-26, 2013, the IDGA, a training and conference organization, will host its Cyber Defense & Network Security Summit. Howard Whyte, Security Operations Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer at NASA will be one of the guest speakers.

The event will take place at the Waterview Conference Center, Arlington, VA, from 8 AM to 5 PM. Approximately 60 people are expected to attend. The estimated value of the event, including registration and all food and beverages, is \$399.00 per person, including food and beverages valued at \$20-\$25 per day. The event will be attended by NASA personnel, personnel from other Federal agencies such as DoD and DHS, and High-level industry solution providers. 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 as it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will provide NASA attendees with the opportunity to discuss cyber security including the role of cloud computing, mobile devices, BYOD (bring your own device) and wireless networks. Accordingly, NASA employees – including non-career appointees required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the 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