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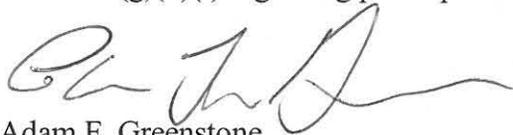
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at Events Related to the Afterschool STEM Summit, September 28-29, 2015

On September 28-29, 2015, Collaborative Communications Group will host the Afterschool STEM Summit. Sponsors that support the event, which is administered and controlled by the host, include C.S. Mott Foundation, the Noyce Foundation, and Time Warner Cable. This event will take place at the National Museum of American History, the Ronald Reagan Building, and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. The Summit will start with an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. on September 28 and 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., September 29.

The purpose of this event is to bring policymakers, industry and higher education leaders, philanthropic stakeholders and afterschool representatives from all 50 states to deepen understanding about afterschool learning as part of the STEM solution and work together to create more opportunities for youth. Approximately, 500 people were invited to the event. Attendees will include representatives from academia; organizations focused on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education; industry, the media; students; congressional members and staff; and interested members of the general public. The Summit program is free and open to the public. The food and beverages at the Summit are estimated to be \$64 per person; \$15 for the reception, \$21 for the breakfast, and \$28 for the lunch.

I find that the Afterschool STEM Summit 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 aerospace and exploration programs with interested representatives of significant communities. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors, including NASA employees in a non-career position 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 Afterschool STEM Summit events.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event host, 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