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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Aerospace Reception on August 24, 2016

On August 24, 2016, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a Policy Session and reception at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh, NC, at 5:15 p.m. The guest speaker at the Policy Session is U.S. Representative David E. Price. Representative Price will be speaking on "Building a More Innovative Future: congressional Support of Research and STEM Education."

Approximately 100 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$43.00 per person. The AIAA will organize and plan the event and will be in control of the seating. The event will be attended by members of AIAA and the NIAC External Council, representatives from the aerospace industry, personnel from other Federal agencies, and the public. I find that the 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 and operations. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA representatives to exchange views and ideas with others in attendance. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the AIAA or a majority of its members – including NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – may accept an invitation from the AIAA for free attendance to the reception.

Moreover, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the AIAA or a majority of its members, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(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".

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