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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the U.S. Green Building Council Greenbuild 2015 International Conference and Exposition related to the 2015 NASA Biennial Recycling and Sustainable Acquisition Workshop on November 18, 2015

Representatives from NASA have been invited by the United Soybean Board to attend the U.S. Green Building Council Greenbuild 2015 International Conference and Exposition (Expo) on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Convention Center, in Washington, D.C. This event features speakers, showcases, workshops and tours of green buildings in Washington, D.C. Approximately 26,000 people are expected to attend throughout the three days of the Expo, including Congressional members and their staff, representatives from NASA and other U.S. Government agencies, state and local government officials, and representatives from industry and academia. The cost per person is \$125.00.

I find that this event meets the requirement of a widely attended gathering as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). Because the content relates to NASA's sustainability objectives, I find that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend. NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors, including NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation for free attendance at this event for themselves.

However, NASA employees, whose duties may substantially affect the United Soybean Board, 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 ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone