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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 Maryland Space Business Roundtable Annual Gala on April 29, 2016

On April 29, 2016, the Maryland Space Business Roundtable (MSBR), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt, Maryland, at 6:00 p.m. The guest is Michael Hotovy, Entertainer, who uses magic and voice to actively engage the audience in the connection of science and reactions.

Approximately 300 people have been invited to attend, including personnel from other Federal agencies, congressional members and staff, state and local officials, the media, representatives of the environmental and space industries, academia, and the general public. The estimated cost of the dinner, including all food and beverages, is \$60.00 per person. I find that the event 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 regarding various NASA programs. NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the MSBR, or a majority of its members, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the MSBR, or a majority of its members, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(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".

Adam F. Greenstone