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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the SIA Satellite Leadership Dinner on March 7, 2016

On March 7, 2016, the Satellite Industry Association (SIA), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner at the Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event is to present the SIA Leadership in Government Award and to acknowledge leaders in the government who have made significant contributions in satellite business and technology.

Approximately 400 people have been invited to attend, including Congressional members and staff, industry representatives, employees of other Federal agencies, members of the White House Administration. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$185 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 – including NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – whose duties do not substantially affect SIA or a majority of its members, may accept an invitation for free attendance.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect SIA 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