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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 Women in Aerospace (WIA) Awards Dinner on October 13, 2016

On October 13, 2016, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will host a dinner at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, Arlington, VA starting at 5:30 p.m. The guest speakers will be Major General Roger Teague, Director, Space Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, U.S. Army; Major General (Retired) Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Dr. Jamie Morin, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense (DoD); Debra Factor Lepore, Vice President/General Manager, Strategic Operations, Ball Aerospace Corporation.

Approximately, 150 people are expected to attend. This event will include Congressional members, representatives from industry, academia, other government agencies, media and members of the public. The event is sponsored by WIA, and they are also in charge of the event and seating. The estimated cost of this event, including all food and beverages, is \$175.00 per person. I find that this 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 and operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA representatives to exchange views and ideas with others in attendance. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect WIA 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 WIA for free attendance to the event.

Moreover, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect WIA 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.

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