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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) Senior Leaders 2016 Budget Discussion on February 25, 2016

On February 25, 2016 Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will host a lunch, at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia starting at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this event is to get industry leaders together for an informal round table discussion on the budget prospects for 2016 and beyond.

Approximately, 100 people are expected to attend. This event will include Congressional members, representatives from the aerospace industry, academia, other government agencies, members of the public, and media. The event is sponsored WIA, and they are also in charge of the event and seating. The estimated cost of this event, including all food and beverages, is \$50.00 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 have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned event is in the interest of the Agency, because it will further agency programs and operations. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect WIA, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation from WIA for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the 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. § 2635.204(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