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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 22, 2015

On October 22, 2015, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a dinner, at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia starting at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is honoring women whose outstanding contributions to the aerospace community are legendary. Participation in the event demonstrates the commitment to WIA's mission: to expand women's opportunities for leadership and increase their visibility in the aerospace community.

Approximately, 350 people are expected to attend. This event will include representatives from the aerospace industry, academia, other government agencies, members of the public, and media. The event is sponsored by Ball Aerospace, Orbital ATK, PwC and Tetra Tech, though WIA is in charge of the event and seating. The estimated cost of this event, including all food and beverages, is \$90.00 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 the event sponsors, 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 the event sponsors, 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