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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the *8th Annual Senior Government Executive Dinner* hosted by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Bethesda Chapter on July 23, 2015

On July 23, 2015, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association International (AFCEA) Bethesda Chapter, a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host its 8th Annual Senior Government Executive Dinner at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C., at 5:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Deborah Diaz, Associate Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Approximately 300 people have been invited, including industry representatives, personnel from other Federal Agencies, and members of AFCEA. Young AFCEA is in control of the seating, which is determined by discussion topic preference. The approximate cost of food and beverages to be served is approximately $90. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations by facilitating the exchange of professional information between NASA employees and representatives of other organizations, including information on NASA's policies and plans.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the host, 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 themselves and a guest.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event host, 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.

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