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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the AIAA AVIATION 2013 Executive Dinner hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Associates (AIAA) on August 12, 2013

On August 12, 2012, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host an Executive Dinner at the Gordon Ramsey Restaurant, in Los Angeles, CA, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. The Boeing Company will be providing financial support for the event, though AIAA will maintain control over the invitations and seating.

Approximately 100 people have been invited to attend, including personnel from other executive branch agencies and the aerospace. The cost of the dinner, including all food and beverages, is \$150 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 or operations. Attendance at the dinner will allow NASA representatives to exchange information on NASA programs and policies with key personnel throughout the U.S. aerospace community.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the AIAA, 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 from AIAA for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect AIAA, 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 NASA ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone