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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Association of Science-Technology Centers Reception on May 7, 2015

On May 7, 2015, the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception at ASTC Headquarters in Washington, DC, at 6:00 p.m. The reception is to introduce and welcome the Board of Directors and the Governing Members to Washington so they have a chance to meet and exchange ideas before starting their retreat.

Approximately 95 people have been invited to attend, including personnel from other Federal agencies, representatives of the industry, the Board and Governing Members, sister organizations and associations. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$30.00 per person. I find that the 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 event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the ASTC, 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 free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the ASTC, 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