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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 2013 Excellence.gov Awards Hosted by the American Council for Technology and Industry Advisory Council (ACT-IAC) on March 5, 2013

On March 5, 2013, the American Council for Technology and Industry Advisory Council (ACT-IAC), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, will host its 2013 Excellence.gov Awards at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, in Washington, D.C., at 11 AM. The purpose of the event is to honor government IT programs that improve services to citizens.

Approximately 300 people are expected to attend, including representatives of the U.S. Congress, the aerospace industry, academia, other Federal agencies, and the media. The estimated cost of the event, which includes all food and beverages, is \$40. 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. The event will enable NASA attendees to share information about NASA best practices in the IT area, and gain information about best practices used by other Federal organizations. 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 for free attendance to the event for themselves and their accompanying guest.

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