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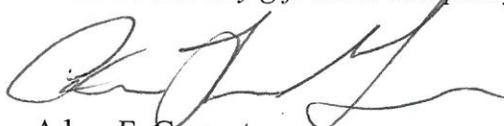
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Avascent Group Reception on October 8, 2014

On October 8, 2014, the Avascent Group will host a reception at the Ronald Reagan Building Rotunda in Washington, D.C., from 6:00 p.m. to 8:0 p.m. The reception is to honor Joseph Fuller, Jr., a former NASA employee and founder of Futron Corporation.

Approximately 250 people have been invited to attend, including industry and commercial representatives, members of the public and media, and employees of other Federal agencies. The estimated cost of the dinner, including all food and beverages, is \$80 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.

*However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, such as by way of contracting duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in these events from their local ethics counselor to attend under the widely attended gathering exception. Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the sponsor the value of the food and refreshments they consume and any gift items accepted for themselves.*

  
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