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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Cyber Fajitas & Margaritas reception and dinner hosted by the Cyber, Space & Intelligence Association (CSIA) on September 4, 2013

On September 4, 2013, CSIA, a 501(c)(6) non-profit, will host the Cyber Fajitas & Margaritas reception and dinner at The Monocle, 107 D Street, NE, Washington, DC, from 6 PM to 8:30 PM.

Approximately 300 people are expected to attend, including individuals from DoD, the Intelligence Community, Congressional staff, and the private sector. CSIA controls the invitation and seating for this event. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is $50.00 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). Attendance at this event will allow NASA employees an opportunity to discuss NASA's missions and programs with other guests.

Accordingly, NASA employees – including non-career appointees required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsor, 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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