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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Challenger Center for Space Science Education Holiday Celebration on December 12, 2013

On December 12, 2013, the Challenger Center for Space Science Education (Challenger Center), a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will sponsor a holiday reception at the Carriage House, 612 3rd St. SE, Washington, DC, at 6:00 p.m.

Approximately 50 people have been invited. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is approximately \$14.00 per person. This event will be attended by Challenger Center Board members, advisory council members, Challenger Center partners (including representatives from NASA, Lockheed Martin, Aerojet, Boeing, and SAP), and other Federal agency employees. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Accordingly, NASA employees – including employees in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490 – whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor may accept an invitation for themselves and an invited guest for free attendance to the event.

However, 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. § 2635.205(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