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Reply to Attn of:

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Eisenhower Institute Dinner on January 7, 2014

On January 7, 2014, the Eisenhower Institute, a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner at 818 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C., 20006. This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a light reception and a dinner that will begin at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to discuss recent Russian legislation affecting the Russian Academy of Science (RAS), as well as remarks from Dr. Zeleny on the topics of space and astrophysics.

Approximately 25 people have been invited to attend. The estimated value of the food and beverages to be provided at the event is \$45.00 per person. The event will be attended by University professors, think tank presidents, personnel from other Federal Agencies, and other science academy representatives. 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. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone