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Reply to Attn of: CC-A

TO: All NASA Civil Servants

FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

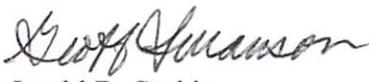
SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the International Space Exploration Forum at DoubleTree Hotel, November 17, 2013

Lockheed Martin will host the International Space Exploration Forum and dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel on November 17, 2013, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. More than 80 guests are expected to attend the opening. Guests will include Federal, state, and local officials, members of academia, industry and media representatives, contractor and NASA personnel, and space coast community leaders.. The market value of the dinner is approximately \$50 a person.

I find 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. This event will allow NASA employees to show support for development of deep space exploration missions and for NASA’s continued mission. In addition, this event is a forum for the attendees to disseminate information on NASA’s ongoing activities and to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group of fellow attendees.

Accordingly, NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation offering 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 the Chief Counsel’s Office.

In addition, Lockheed Martin will provide an event-specific commemorative MAVEN coin valued at \$2.50 to each of the attendees. Attendees are reminded of the \$20 gift exception at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(a), which provides that employees may accept gifts valued at no more than \$20 per occasion. NASA invitees are also reminded not to exceed the \$50 cap on gifts from any one source in a calendar year.


for Jerald D. Stubbs
Agency Designee