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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 Journey to Space Screening and Reception on March 5, 2015

On March 5, 2015, Boeing Company will host a screening of the film "Journey to Space" and reception at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., at 6:30 p.m. The event, which is also sponsored by Toyota, will include the premiere of the film in IDMAX 3D format, and also includes a reception, dessert, and complimentary parking.

Approximately 1,000 people have been invited to attend, including members of Congress and the public, personnel from the media, academia, and industry, and employees of other Federal agencies. The invitation declares the fair market value of the event to be \$65 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 NASA programs and hear views that relate to NASA's policies and plans from representatives of various sectors. Accordingly, NASA employees and their guests (subject to the exceptions noted below) who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance to this event.

*However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event hosts, 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 host at \$65 per person for themselves and guests.*

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Adam F. Greenstone