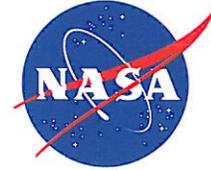


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the MAGIC 2013 Acquisition Excellence Awards Dinner on July 10, 2013

On July 10, 2013, the Partnership for Procurement Excellence, an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host the MAGIC 2013 Acquisition Excellence Awards Dinner. This event will feature a keynote presentation by Thomas Sharpe, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration. The Partnership for Procurement Excellence will control invitations and seating.

The event will take place at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, 22311, from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Approximately 90 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$110.00 per person. The event will be attended by representatives from academia, industry, the U.S. legislative branch, personnel from other Federal Agencies/DoD, state and local jurisdictions, the media, and members of the public. 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 as it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will provide NASA attendees with the opportunity to discuss the technologies of interest to government procurement efforts, as well as the development, implementation and enhancement of Government-wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) and Multi-Agency Contracts (MACs) best practices. 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.

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. § 2635.204(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