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Reply to Attn of:

**General Law Practice Group**

**TO:** Distribution

**FROM:** Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

**SUBJECT:** Determination Regarding Attendance at the MAVEN Reception and  
Lecture Hosted by the University of Colorado Bolder on October 22, 2013

On October 22, 2013, the University of Colorado Bolder (CU-Bolder), a not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will host a reception and lecture for the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission (MAVEN). The event will take place at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. NASA Administrator, Charles Bolden, will be speaking at the event.

Approximately 300 people have been invited to this event. Those expected to attend come from academia, other Federal agencies, congress, industry, media and the public. The cost of the food and beverages will be approximately \$48 per person and a cash bar will be available. 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 on NASA's programs and policies. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept free attendance at the event for themselves and for accompanying spouses or guests.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the host, 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 this event from their local ethics counselor.

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

Adam F. Greenstone