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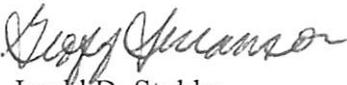
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the MAVEN Launch Reception at the OSB II Facility at Kennedy Space Center, November 18, 2013

United Launch Alliance, LLC will host a reception in honor of the MAVEN launch at the OSB II facility at Kennedy Space Center, FL on November 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Approximately 450 guests are expected to attend the reception. Guests will include Federal, state, and local officials, members of academia, industry and media representatives, and contractor and NASA personnel. The market value of the reception is \$30 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 the MAVEN mission 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 for 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 General Counsel or Chief Counsel's Office.


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