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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 MAVEN Launch Events at
in Florida, November 16-18, 2013

The University of Colorado, United Launch Alliance, LLC, Exelis, and Lockheed Martin will host the MAVEN Mission launch receptions in Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral, Florida on November 16, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and November 18, 2013 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Approximately 350-450 guests are expected to attend the receptions. Guests will include Federal, state, and local officials, members of academia, industry and media representatives, contractor and NASA personnel, and members of the public. The market value of the receptions are \$134 a person for both events.

I find these weekend's events meet 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. These events will allow NASA employees to show support for the MAVEN mission and for NASA. 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 events. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect any of the sponsors, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerald D. Stubbs".

JDS
Jerald D. Stubbs
Agency Designee