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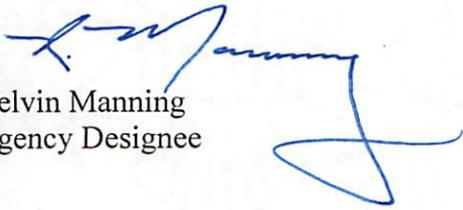
FROM: AA-B/Associate Director

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the National Space Club Debus Awards Dinner, April 18, 2015

The Florida Committee of the National Space Club, a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host the Dr. Kurt H. Debus Awards Dinner at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Visitor Complex Debus Center on Saturday, April 18, 2015. This annual award was created by the National Space Club Florida Committee to recognize a person who has made a particularly important contribution to U.S. aerospace efforts while working in Florida. It is named for KSC's first Director, Dr. Kurt Debus. This year they will honor Amanda Mitskevich, Director, Launch Services Program at KSC. Approximately 250–280 guests are expected to attend the dinner. These guests include corporate executives, representatives of aerospace contractors and other organizations, members of academia, and representatives of state and Federal government. The approximate value of the dinner is \$90 a person.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, I find this event meets the requirements of a *widely attended gathering*, and I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. This event will allow NASA employees to honor and show support for a program celebrating the history and the future of air and space flight. This event will also provide 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 KSC employees whose duties do not substantially affect any of the sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event for themselves and a guest. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties or administration of Space Act agreements, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in the event from the Office of the Chief Counsel.


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Agency Designee