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Reply to Attn of:

General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Royal Aeronautical Society Dinner on October 8, 2014

On October 8, 2014, the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), will host a dinner at the RAeS Building in London, England, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The dinner is part of the RAeS Strategic Choices for Space – President’s Conference 2014. The NASA Administrator will be giving a keynote speech at the conference.

Approximately 100 people have been invited to attend, including an official from the U.S. Embassy, representatives from the United Kingdom Parliament and other governmental agencies, members of the public and media, and industry representatives. The estimated cost of the dinner, including all food and beverages, is \$80 per person. 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 in an international forum regarding various NASA programs.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the host, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation to this event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, 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 these events from their local ethics counselor to attend under the widely attended gathering exception.

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Adam F. Greenstone