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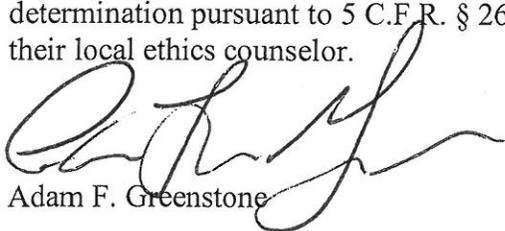
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the Satellite Industry Association Leadership Dinner on March 10, 2014

On March 10, 2014, the Satellite Industry Association (SIA), a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner at Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The SIA Leadership Dinner celebrates the role that satellite technologies play in the nation's economic and national security, as well as acknowledges leaders in government that have made a significant contribution to advancing satellite business and/or technology.

Approximately 450 people have been invited and SIA is in charge of the seating arrangements. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is \$185.00 per person. The event will be attended by Congressional members and staffers, representatives of the satellite industry, and other Federal agencies. I find that 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 because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsor, or a majority of its members, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, or a majority of its members, 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 their local ethics counselor.


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