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Reply to Attn of: CC-A

TO: All NASA Employees  
FROM: AA-B/Associate Director  
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees for the ShareSpace Foundation Launch Gala with Apollo 11 Astronaut Buzz Aldrin on July 18, 2015

The Buzz Aldrin's ShareSpace Foundation, a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will sponsor the upcoming ShareSpace Foundation Launch Gala with Apollo 11 Astronaut Buzz Aldrin. The Gala will be hosted by John Travolta and held at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Visitor Complex Apollo/Saturn V Center on July 18, 2015. Approximately 125 guests are expected to attend the gala, which consists of a dinner at the Apollo/Saturn V Center and program featuring John Travolta and Buzz Aldrin, as well as other astronauts as they reflect on the world's first moon landing. Guests at the Gala will include corporate and industry executives, members of academia, scientists, astronauts, space enthusiasts, aerospace contractors, military leaders, tourism and community leaders, and representatives of Federal Government. The market value of the gala is approximately \$1,200 a person.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, I find these events meet the requirements of a *widely attended gathering*, and I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend these events because it will further agency programs and operations. Specifically, 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 the sponsor, 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 this events for themselves and a guest. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, 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 this event from the Office of the Chief Counsel.

  
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Agency Designee