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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the AUVSI Unmanned Systems Reception hosted by Space Florida on August 14, 2013

On August 14, 2013, Space Florida, the state of Florida's aerospace economic development agency, will host a reception at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street, NW, in Washington, DC, from 5 PM to 7 PM. This event will bring Space Florida stakeholders together during the AUVSI (Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International) conference in DC for networking and discussion of Florida's UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) initiative.

There will be approximately 80-100 attendees. Invitees include representatives of the U.S. legislative branch, state and local government organizations, industry and personnel from other Federal agencies. The value of the complimentary hor d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be approximately \$56.00 per person. There will also be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages. 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 free attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. Attendance at this event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs. Accordingly, NASA employees (subject to the exceptions noted below) who have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for invited spouses or guests.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event 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 themselves from Space Florida for free attendance to the event. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Space Florida, 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 NASA ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone