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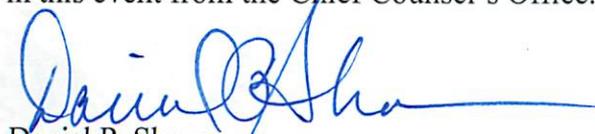
FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance of NASA Employees at The Florida Space Community Networking Reception

The Space Foundation, a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Space Florida will host a Community Networking Reception at the Exploration Tower in Port Canaveral, Florida on January 14, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This event will celebrate the past year's success, preview new projects, and introduce space leaders under 35 years of age to industry leaders. Attendance at this event helps further NASA's mission to provide information on space activities, promote space leadership, stimulate advancement of space applications, sponsor educational activities, and provide recognition for contributions to advancements in aerospace science, operations, research, and education. Approximately 100 guests, including corporate executives, representatives of aerospace contractors and other organizations, and representatives of state and Federal government will be in attendance. Tickets to the reception, valued at \$25 for each attendee, are being offered to NASA KSC personnel at no cost.

I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). The reception will provide employees the opportunity to demonstrate NASA's support of this program, which recognizes noteworthy space-related efforts in Florida. In addition, this event is a forum for employees to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group of fellow attendees interested in our activities. It is in the Government's best interest for employees and their guests to attend the reception as representatives of NASA. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors, including those employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of duties involving procurement or Space Act or other agreements, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.


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Agency Designee