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Reply to Attn of:

LS01 (KMH)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/Audrey D. Robinson

SUBJECT: Approval for NASA Employees to Attend Stellar Technology's Reception
for Attendees of the Rocket Test Group Meeting

In accordance with 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2 and (3), I make the following
determination:

Several NASA employees have been invited to attend the reception hosted by Stellar Technology for the attendees of the Rocket Test Group (RTG) Meeting. The reception will be at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville, Alabama on April 20, 2015, beginning at 7 PM. The event is sponsored by Stellar Technology and is held to provide a place for meeting participants to meet and discuss technical work that will be presented at the RTG Meeting the same week.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of NASA personnel and members from academia, aerospace industry representatives, and DoD personnel. The event will facilitate thoughtful discussion between these professionals and stakeholders in the aerospace community.

The cost of the reception is \$31 per person and approximately 40 individuals have been invited to attend. Stellar Technology is a NASA contractor, and therefore considered a prohibited source. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that attendance at the above mentioned event is in the interest of NASA because it will further agency programs and operations, help to raise NASA's profile with academia, industry leaders, and government leaders; enhance community relations; and support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information about its programs.

Given the purpose of the event, NASA's interest in it, the broad attendance anticipated, and the market value of the event, I have determined that the value to the agency in having employees attend this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence them in the performance of their duties.

Accordingly, NASA employees that have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Stellar Technology are not covered in this determination and should seek a specific determination from this office pursuant to 5 CRF 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding their participation in this event.

Stellar Technology is not a registered lobbying organization under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to Kristine Hamilton at 256-544-0011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audrey D. Robinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Audrey D. Robinson
Chief Counsel