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FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Swiss Space Systems Florida Inauguration Event at KSCVC Debus Center,
March 14, 2014

Swiss Space Systems (S3) and Space Florida will host the Swiss Space Systems Florida Inauguration Event in the Debus Center located at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center on March 14, 2014. The S3 Inauguration Event is meant to announce the partnership between Space Florida and S3. It will include presentations covering S3's program, its activities in Florida, and planned future developments. The S3 Inauguration will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 300 guests including industry representatives, members of academia, state and local officials, NASA personnel, and other Federal officials. The cost of food provided is approximately \$20 per person.

I find 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. This event will allow NASA employees the opportunity to educate others on the significance of the aerospace industry and NASA's mission. I find that attendance will allow attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of mutual interest with a diverse group.

Accordingly, NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation of free attendance to the event for themselves and any accompanying spouse or guest. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsor, 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 the Chief Counsel's Office.


JDS - Jerald D. Stubbs
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