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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the TechAmerica Foundation's Technology & Government Dinner on June 20, 2013.

On June 20, 2013, the TechAmerica Foundation, a non-profit organization constituted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a dinner to recognize industry award winners and government/industry honorees at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, DC, from 5:30-10:00 PM.

Approximately 300 people will attend the dinner. Attendees will include representatives from Congress, state and local officials, academia, industry representatives, NASA personnel, personnel from other Federal Agencies/DoD, and media. Although the event has corporate sponsorship, the Foundation is solely responsible for selecting, inviting, and seating of NASA guests. The estimated cost of food and beverages is \$150 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). There is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to discuss technology as it relates to government and industry.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors, 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.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, 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 ethics counselor.

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