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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Celebration of USA Science & Engineering Festival Reception on April 24, 2014

On April 24, 2014, the USA Science & Engineering Festival, a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a reception in The Benjamin Franklin Room, at the Department of State, 22 and C Streets, in Washington, D.C., from 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of 2014 USA Science & Engineering Festival.

Approximately 500 people have been invited to attend, including members of Congress, STEM professionals, and the festival leadership. The estimated cost of the reception, including all food and beverages, is \$50 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).

I further determine that 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 exchange information regarding various NASA programs.

Accordingly, NASA employees, including NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which they are required to sign an ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, whose duties do not substantially affect the sponsors may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves.

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

Adam F. Greenstone