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Reply to Attn of: CC-A

TO: All NASA Employees

FROM: AA-B/Associate Director

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees for the 2015 Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Gala and Ceremony, May 29–30, 2015

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at KSC, Inc. (DNC) will host the upcoming United States Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Gala and Ceremony on May 29–30, 2015. The Induction Gala will be hosted by ASF and held at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Visitor Complex Atlantis Exhibit and the Apollo/Saturn V Center on Friday, May 29, 2015. More than 500 guests are expected to attend the gala, which consists of a reception under the Space Shuttle Atlantis, dinner at the Apollo/Saturn V Center and program featuring both prior and current astronaut inductees. On Saturday afternoon, May 30, 2015, ASF and DNC will host the Induction Ceremony at the KSC Visitor Complex. Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony. A post-induction reception for 200 guests will follow. Guests at each function will include corporate and industry executives and workers, members of academia, aerospace contractors, military leaders, space coast tourism and community leaders, space enthusiasts, and representatives of Federal, state and local government. The market value of the gala and reception is approximately \$600 a person.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, I find these events meet the requirements of a *widely attended gathering*, and I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend these events. These events will allow NASA employees to honor and show support for a program celebrating the history and the future of air and space flight. These events will also provide a forum for the attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group of fellow attendees.

Accordingly, NASA KSC employees whose duties do not substantially affect any of 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 complimentary attendance at these events. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties or administration of Space Act agreements, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in these events from the Office of the Chief Counsel.

Kelvin Manning
Agency Designee

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