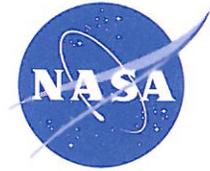


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Reply to Attn of: **General Law Practice Group**

**TO:** Distribution

**FROM:** Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

**SUBJECT:** Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the  
Women in Aerospace Annual Awards Dinner on  
October 29, 2013

On October 29, 2013, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host its annual awards dinner at the Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City Hotel, at 1250 S. Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to award women in aerospace who have fulfilled the mission of being dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing visibility in the aerospace community.

Approximately, 600 people have been invited. This event will include attendees from the aerospace industry, academia, other Federal agencies, congressional staff, as well as selected members of the media. The cost of the event, including all food and beverages, is approximately \$100.00 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely-attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that free attendance at the above-mentioned event is in the interest of the Agency because it will further agency programs and operations. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event host, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect WIA such as by way of procurement duties should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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

Adam F. Greenstone