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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women in Aerospace (WIA) Breakfast on May 21, 2015

On May 21, 2015, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a breakfast, in the SAFTAS Conference and Innovation Center in Arlington, VA from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this event is to discuss aerospace issues of today and showcase female aerospace leaders. The guest speaker is Dr. Jamie Morin, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation for the Department of Defense.

Approximately, 150 people are expected to attend. This event will include representatives from the aerospace industry, academia, and other government agencies. The event is also sponsored by Northrup Grumman, though WIA is in charge of the event and there will not be assigned seating. The estimated cost of this event, including all food and beverages, is $45.00 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 sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation from WIA for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the WIA or Northrup Grumman, 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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