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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Women in Aerospace (WIA) Conference on April 30, 2014

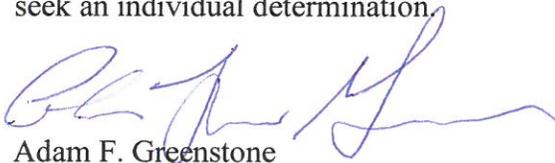
On April 30, 2014, Women In Aerospace (WIA), a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the IRS Code, will host a conference, in the Hyatt Regency, at 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to discuss aerospace issues of today and showcase female aerospace leaders.

Approximately, 250 people are expected to attend. This event will include attendees from NASA, the aerospace industry, academia, and other government agencies. The estimated cost of this event, including all food and beverages, is \$165.00 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 for free attendance to the event for themselves and their accompanying guest.

Attendees are reminded of the \$20 gift exception at 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(a) which provides that employees may accept gifts valued at no more than \$20 per occasion (and no more than \$50 from one source in a calendar year). We understand the panel members will receive a WIA Limited Edition Pin valued at \$5.00.

However, NASA employees receiving an invitation from an organization other than WIA should seek an individual determination.


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