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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution
FROM: Agency Counsel for Ethics
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Leaders for a Better Louisiana and Adams & Reese Event on January 28, 2026

On January 28, 2026, Adams and Reese LLP (Adams & Reese), a national law firm, will host a reception at its Washington DC location, 20 F Street NW, Suite 500, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Approximately 350 people have been invited to attend. Attendees will have a diversity of views or interests and will include representative of the U.S. legislative branch, Louisiana state and local governments, academia, industry, other federal agencies, and Louisiana business leaders. The estimated cost of the event, including all food and beverages, is \$ 40 per person. Adams & Reese is in control of the organizing, planning and invitations for this event. Attendance at this event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs. 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 provide an opportunity for the invited persons to exchange ideas and views pertaining to NASA’s policies, programs and operations. NASA employees, who do not have a significant role in a matter affecting the interests of the sponsor may accept an invitation for free attendance for themselves and a guest to the event. In those circumstances, I find that the Agency’s interest in attendance outweighs any concern that the individual may be, or may appear to be, improperly influenced in the performance of their duties.

However, NASA employees who have a significant role in any pending matter affecting the interests of Adams & Reese, such as procurement duties, program management, or negotiating or administering a Space Act Agreement, should seek a separate determination from their local ethics counselor as to whether they may accept the invitation.

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