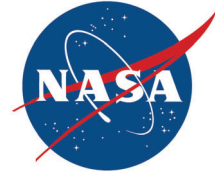


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FROM: AL/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding Attendance at the Fifth Annual United States Space Force (USSF) University Consortium (UC) Symposium

On June 9, 2026, Lockheed Martin is sponsoring a networking reception following the first full day of the USSF UC Symposium taking place at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, Texas from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The USSF UC Symposium is two-day event with multiple speakers and serves as a platform for sharing research, fostering partnerships and exploring emerging solutions across key areas such as space domain awareness, in-space serving, and advance sensing technologies. The networking reception will serve as a community-building gathering designed to foster further conversation on these topics and connect with other representatives across Government, academia, and industry.

The networking reception is open to all attendees of the USSF UC Symposium or by invitation-only, with an expected attendance of approximately 250 individuals. Attendees will include university researchers from 28+ universities, as well as representatives from Texas Space Commission Leadership, aerospace industry partners, and various Government agencies.


The event sponsor, Lockheed Martin, has invited NASA employees Vanessa Wyche, Joe Acaba, Jon Olansen, Melissa Telisky, Monte Goforth, Jennifer Scott-Williams, Julie Kramer-White, Brian O'Hagan, and Steven Fredrickson to attend the networking. The reception will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The estimated per-person value for food and refreshments is approximately \$66. There are currently no planned gifts or giveaways for attendees, and no fundraising activities will take place in conjunction with the event.

This event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §

2635.204(g), as it includes a broad and diverse range of professionals and organizations relevant to NASA's mission and interests. Participation in this event will further NASA's objectives by promoting collaboration, fostering industry relationships, and supporting community engagement. The benefits of NASA's attendance outweigh any potential concerns regarding the acceptance of offered refreshments.

NASA employees who do not have a significant role in a matter affecting the interests of the sponsors 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. Additionally, NASA employees who have a significant role in any pending matter affecting the interests of Lockheed Martin 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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