

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Ames Research Center
Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000



May 20, 2004

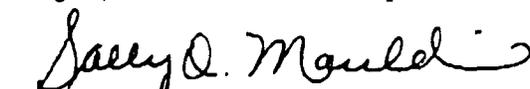
Reply to Attn of: DL:200-12

TO: Distribution
FROM: DL/Chief Counsel
SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Air & Space Show Being Held at NASA Ames Research Center by The Air Show Network

On May 29 – 30, 2004, Umbrella Entertainment Group, Inc. doing business as The Air Show Network will conduct an aerospace and information technology exposition and air show event ("Air & Space Show") at Moffett Field, California. This Air & Space Show is the fourth annual event under a five (5) year agreement providing for The Air Show Network's limited use of Moffett Field for such purposes. In connection with this year's Air & Space Show, The Air Show Network will be holding an exposition and air show open to the general public, and planning for meetings, exhibits, and demonstrations during future expositions with industry and academia.

Attendance at the entire Air & Space Show is estimated to be between 25,000 to 50,000 people over the two days of the event. The activities include an air show and a pavilion featuring a showcase of NASA technologies. The planning activities for future expositions and discussions with leaders of local governments, industry, and academia will be held in a designated corporate chalet area and will be widely attended by approximately 100 invited guests per day from aerospace and information technology companies, State and local government agencies, academia, U.S. Government and military departments, and the media. This gathering is intended to provide an opportunity for the Federal Government, State and local government, academia, and industry to exchange information and demonstrate aerospace and information technologies and products. Attendees include individuals involved in NASA Ames Research Center projects, and with whom NASA Ames Research Center personnel will be involved in the future implementation of its projects, including the proposed NASA Research Park.

Because of NASA's interest in meeting with the leaders of State and local governments, industry, and academia regarding NASA Ames Research Center's missions in aerospace and information technology research and development, attendance by NASA personnel and their spouses or guests is in the interests of the Government. In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g), and 14 C.F.R. §1207.103, Designation of Responsible Officials, I conclude that, for NASA personnel invited to participate in the Air & Space Show, attendance at the Air & Space Show is a customary and necessary part of the performance of their duties, and that the interests of NASA in having its employees attend this event outweigh any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence those employees in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA personnel may participate in, and accept free attendance at the Air & Space Show, on behalf of themselves and their spouses or guests, including the meals and demonstrations (including aircraft flights) offered to invitees as part of the event.


Sally O. Mauldin