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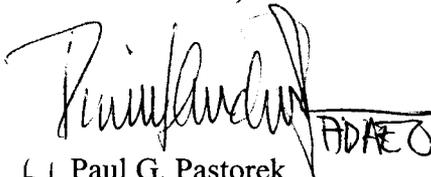
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**FROM:** G/General Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Professional Services Council (PSC) Dialogue Luncheon, March 22, 2004

On March 22, the PSC will hold a Dialogue Luncheon at the Hilton Crystal in Arlington, Virginia. The PSC is the national trade association of Government professional and technical services firms. More than 150 of its member companies provide a full range of services to virtually every agency of the Federal Government. PSC's membership is comprised of small, medium, and large companies, that are leaders in information technology, engineering, logistics, consulting, logistics, international development, operations, maintenance, etc. It has been determined to be in the best interest of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The event will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 80-100 attendees. PSC's Dialogue Luncheons feature senior government officials offering their insights and perspectives on vital issues of importance. The topic for this luncheon is space initiatives and changing procurement industry policies and procedures. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe is the featured luncheon speaker. Mr. O'Keefe will speak on NASA's vision and give his perspective on industry's changing role. The cost of the luncheon is approximately \$27.00 person. In light of the importance of these issues to NASA, I conclude that the Agency's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA invitees may participate in the PCS Dialogue Luncheon on March 22, 2004.

  
Paul G. Pastorek