

Widely Attended Gatherings (WAG) Information for the 2022 AIAA Awards Gala

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) is hosting an awards gala on 27 April 2022 and is requesting your agency approval for this widely attended gathering.

This event will honor the achievements of those in the aerospace industry. Attendance is expected by hundreds of aerospace leaders representing corporations, academic institutions, and government agencies as we recognize individuals who have made tremendous achievements during their careers and continue to shape the aerospace industry.

Below please find information that will assist you in making your determination.

If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration.

- 1. Date of the event:** 27 April 2022
- 2. Sponsors (to include co-sponsors, if any):** American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- 3. Per person cost of food and refreshments (estimated):** \$160 for food and refreshments
- 4. Place and time of event:** Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1730–2200 hrs.
- 5. Characterization of event – for example, is it a seminar, reception and/or a dinner?**
This is an aerospace industry awards gala. There will be a reception and dinner, and an awards ceremony.
- 6. What is the purpose of the event?** To recognize and celebrate individuals and organizations who have made tremendous achievements within the aerospace industry.
- 7. Approximately how many people in total have been invited?** 400
- 8. Approximately how many government employees have been invited?** 350
- 9. Are guests of government employees (such as spouses) invited too?** Yes, each may bring one guest
- 10. Have the tickets offered to government employees been previously purchased by third parties?** No. Government guest selection and invitation is administered solely by AIAA in accordance with government policy.

11. What are the seating arrangements, if any, for government employees? There is no reserved seating for this event. Guests are invited to mingle freely with everyone in attendance.

12. What types of people have been invited? (Examples might be: Members of Congress and staffers, state and local officials, academia, industry representatives, sponsor personnel, personnel from other Federal Agencies/DoD, members of the public, media, other contractors, etc.). AIAA professional and corporate members, along with hundreds of aerospace leaders representing industry, academic institutions, and government agencies, as well as lawmakers and congressional staff.

13. Will there be gift items handed out? If so, please provide description and value. No gifts will be given.

14. Is there a fundraising aspect to the event? If so, please describe the fundraising portion of the event. No

15. Please indicate if your organization employs federally registered lobbyists or engages in lobbying activities. AIAA has one registered lobbyist on staff; however, as a 501(c)3 non-profit, AIAA does not actively lobby. We serve as a resource for lawmakers, their staff, and agency officials (both federal and state level), providing technical expertise on aerospace-related matters. Our government relations activities are for educational purposes only. AIAA does not advocate for specific funding levels and we are company and program agnostic. Moreover, we do not have a political action committee.

16. Is there an invitation and/or website that has more information about the event? If so, please provide. www.aiaa.org/gala

17. Can payment be accepted, if required? If yes, what is the preferred mode of payment? Payment can be accepted by visiting www.aiaa.org/gala and purchasing a ticket online.