

Ash, Darren

From: Ash, Darren
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 8:51 AM
To: Mamish, Nader
Subject: FW: White House Memo re: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government

For your awareness, follow-up from this morning

From: Greene, Kathryn
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 2:43 PM
To: McCree, Victor
Cc: Virgilio, Martin; Wert, Leonard; Coleman, Judy; Huth, Virginia; Sanchez, Alba; Ash, Darren; Dyer, Jim; Golder, Jennifer; Brown, Milton; Stewart, Sharon
Subject: RE: White House Memo re: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government

Vic,
Although OGC has concluded that NRC is not required to comply with the OMB memorandum about controlling meeting, events, and conference costs, Darren and I agree that we would be wise to review NRC's current processes and controls over this area.

Our long term oversight and cost control will be through the Meetings and Conferences Portfolio Council (PC) governance process and enterprise wide contracts (EWC); however, we will have a gap in time before this is a reality. In addition, the EWCs established by this PC may not meet the needs of the regions due to our geographic dispersion.

Given your lack of onsite conference space, Region 2 should not impact mission work by cancelling or postponing meetings or conferences because of OMB's memo. Your staff is welcome to reach out to DC for guidance and advice to ensure your region continues to acquire needed meeting and conference space at the most desirable and cost effective terms and conditions for NRC. Virginia Huth or Alba Sanchez can direct you to the most knowledgeable DC individual in this area.

ADM, in collaboration with OCFO, will be developing a path forward to control costs in the interim (gap) period, including assessing needs for additional training and awareness of allowable costs for those individuals who are binding NRC for procuring these types of services, either through ADM, the regions, or offices via Purchase Card. Darren, Milton, and I discussed having a presentation about this subject at the October EDO monthly management meeting. More to come.

Kathryn

From: McCree, Victor
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Dyer, Jim; Golder, Jennifer
Cc: Virgilio, Martin; Greene, Kathryn; Wert, Leonard; Coleman, Judy
Subject: FW: White House Memo re: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government

Jim (Jennifer)/Kathryn,

See below. Unless directed otherwise, we will assume that this guidance does not restrict Region II from continuing to procure conference room space at local hotels in downtown Atlanta for our routine and public meetings. As you know, because we lack an in-house conference facility in our new office space, our main (and oftentimes only) alternative to host our all-employees meetings, staff training, and licensee public meetings is to rent local conference room space.

Please advise if we should act otherwise.

Thanks, Vic

From: Coleman, Judy
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 1:30 PM
To: McCree, Victor; Wert, Leonard
Cc: Trent, Glenn; McGill, Clinton
Subject: FW: White House Memo re: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government

I assume more to come on this Whitehouse memoranda - not sure how we will be impacted.

Judy

From: Gwendolyn Campbell (4PD-C) [mailto:gwenne.campbell@gsa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: White House Memo re: Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government

Please see very important message below.

In a memo issued Wednesday, Office of Management and Budget Director Jacob Lew said President Obama "has directed me to instruct all agencies and departments to conduct a thorough review of the policies and controls associated with conference-related activities and expenses." Until the deputy secretaries of Cabinet departments certify that appropriate controls are in place to prevent excessive spending, all conference-related expenses must be approved by the deputy secretaries.

To view the full Memo, visit,
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2011/m11-35.pdf>

--
Gwenne Campbell,
Executive Director
Atlanta Federal Executive Board
404-331-4400
Gwenne.campbell@gsa.gov