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From: Ash, Darren
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Corley, Cherrie; Dyer, Jim; Greene, Kathryn; Brown, Milton
Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Stewart, Sharon; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman
Subject: RE: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

I support Jim's proposed changes

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Darren has concurred on the letter and it's on the way to OCFO.

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Kathryn, here's my thoughts on the memo:

1. I thought we decided to have Bill sign the letter out and have him certify in the text that we're OK. If so, I would change paragraph 2 first sentence to state "Based on a review of internal policies and controls associated with conference related activities and event, I certify that adequate controls are in place." That way we don't need any memo to files or other documentation for this response.
2. In paragraph 1, sentence 1, I would reference M-11-35 since that's the way OMB tracks responses. Suggested change is "In response to OMB Memorandum M-11-35 of September 21, 2011, "Eliminating...", I am providing..."
3. Paragraph 3, second sentence change to " This amount equates to approximately one tenth percent of the NRC budget in each of the last three years."
4. Paragraph 3, last sentence change to " Attendance at NRC-sponsored conferences and meetings varied widely, with the largest conference numbering over 3000 staff, public and international attendees."
5. I would add a point of contact for followup in case someone at OMB wants to pick up the phone and discuss. I would like OCFO to be kept in the loop with any communications with Danny or his staff so could you add Milton to the POC list?

Jim

From: Greene, Kathryn
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 9:02 AM
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Importance: High

Good morning Jim, Milton,

Attached is our proposed response to OMB on conference/meeting review of expenses. We delivered it to the OEDO mail room last night, and it has OGC concurrence. I hope Darren can review and concur on it by tomorrow so that it can make its way to you by Monday morning. The due date to OMB is Tuesday, November 1. If you have comments, on the response, we would rather get them sooner than later. Virginia sent copies of the proposed response to Reggie earlier in the week.

We are working on the checklist to accompany the memo the EDO will sign out to ODs/RAs. We should have that package finalized by early next week so you should see that for concurrence later in the week. Reggie has been provided a copy of the draft memo and attachments.

Thanks

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