

Ash, Darren

From: Greene, Kathryn ADM
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:40 PM
To: Ash, Darren; Stewart, Sharon; Huth, Virginia; Bower, Phyllis
Cc: Corley, Cherrie
Subject: RE: memo from OMB

Darren,

I see the establishment of the Portfolio Council for Events/Conferences as being the gate keeper to ensure NRC's meeting requirements cannot be met within NRC space, that costs for offsite meetings are reasonable, that NRC is getting the most favorable terms and pricing, and that our requirements are consistent across the various meeting sponsors.

This is the next Council ADSA is planning to establish, most likely in October 2011.

Kathryn

From: Ash, Darren FDS
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Greene, Kathryn; Stewart, Sharon; Huth, Virginia; Bower, Phyllis
Cc: Corley, Cherrie
Subject: FW: memo from OMB -- additional thoughts

Good afternoon,

The memo in question is attached. I'm sure by now, you've heard about the DOJ IG report that led to this memo. I had asked OGC for their thoughts and the message traffic is below. I believe that OGC's thoughts are prudent, and given ADM's role, we'll need your help on this issue.

Kathryn/Sharon – let's can discuss further when you are here for today's 3WFN mtg.

Darren

From: Burns, Stephen OGC
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 12:02 PM
To: Ash, Darren; Dyer, Jim
Cc: Borchardt, Bill; Mamish, Nader; Itzkowitz, Marvin; Rothschild, Trip; Maxin, Mark
Subject: RE: memo from OMB -- additional thoughts

My staff confirms the basic response I gave in my earlier email – this doesn't apply to us per se, but we would be wise to consider actions requested under it. One approach would be to task a manager with formulating a list of processes/procedures that we already have in place to identify areas of waste, inefficiencies etc.

Whoever is responsible for these processes/procedures can then be tasked with ensuring that they be utilized to focus on conferences, in particular, going forward. In other words, let's not prepare a list of conference-related activities at the NRC that we now suddenly conclude are wasteful, but let's be prepared to ensure whoever asks that we have processes/procedures designed to focus on these issues and those responsible have been directed to utilize the processes/procedures to focus on conference-related costs.

If our review of processes/procedures reflect that we are lacking in some area, we can modify the process as now deemed appropriate.

I think this complies with the underlying purpose of the OMB memo without viewing ourselves as required to report under it.

Steve

From: Ash, Darren *EDU*
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 8:29 AM
To: Dyer, Jim; Burns, Stephen
Cc: Borchardt, Bill; Mamish, Nader
Subject: memo from OMB

See attached – emphasis on conference spending.

Applicable to us? If so, we should discuss.

Darren