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From: Greene, Kathryn *ADM*
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 6:08 PM
To: Ash, Darren
Cc: Stewart, Sharon; Schoenmann, Sandra; Ronewicz, Lynn; Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Corley, Cherrie
Subject: discussion with Jim Dyer on OMB approach to control conference costs
Importance: High

Darren,
I spoke to Jim this afternoon. Regardless of whether the CFO or EDO signs out the November 1 response to OMB, we need to discuss with Jim whether CFO or ADM should be lead for addressing the issues in this memo.

Jim said OMB called "an emergency meeting" of the CFO Council on Wednesday to discuss the subject memo, along with 3 other topics. OMB's intent, as I understand it, is to establish government wide definitions, controls, and review thresholds for meetings and conferences through the CFO Council.

OMB put out some criteria for what constitutes a meeting or conference for the purposes of the controls expected by the memo, and for government-wide controls and review thresholds for meetings and conferences that fall within their proposed thresholds. Comments on OMB's suggested approach are due to Danny Werfel next Tuesday 10/4, and Jim is starting to see other CFO Council member comments.

Since this now seems to be driven through the CFO Council, CFO may be the more appropriate lead office as either Jim or Milton will participate in the criteria development and discussions, and would be in a better position to interpret OMB's intent to NRC's environment.

I will have Lynn set up the meeting with you, Jim, Milton, me, Sharon and Sandie for early next week, or as soon as calendars can be aligned. Lynn, ADM is willing to move meetings to Darren's and Jim's availability Monday and Tuesday, and Sharon and I can tag team.

Jim, did I miss something?

Kathryn

From: Dyer, Jim *CFO*
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 2:00 PM
To: Greene, Kathryn
Cc: Hudson, Sharon; Stewart, Sharon; Brown, Milton; Holley, David
Subject: RE: Department of Justice report on conference costs

I'm good at 3:15. I can provide you some of the perspective I got at the CFOC. Jim

From: Greene, Kathryn *ADM*
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Dyer, Jim; Stewart, Sharon
Cc: Borchardt, Bill; Weber, Michael; Virgilio, Martin; Brown, Milton; Schoenmann, Sandra; Ash, Darren; Burns, Stephen
Subject: Re: Department of Justice report on conference costs

Jim,
Darren is out until Monday. I am heading to WF for the afternoon and will call you. Darren and I discussed ADM having the lead as a contractual/purchase card issue, and coordinating NRC's response with CFO and OGC to include consideration of associated internal control and legal issues. It can work the other way also, with your office lead and

coordinating with us and OGC.

I am free btwn 3:15 - 4:00 and after 5:00.

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From: Dyer, Jim

To: Ash, Darren; Greene, Kathryn; Stewart, Sharon

Cc: Borchardt, Bill; Weber, Michael; Virgilio, Martin; Brown, Milton; Holley, David; Mitchell, Reggie; Golder, Jennifer; Peterson, Gordon; Kaplan, Michele

Sent: Thu Sep 29 11:24:51 2011

Subject: FW: Department of Justice report on conference costs

Darren, Kathryn & Sharon,

Attached is the DOJ-OIG report that led to OMB issuance of M-11-35, "Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government" which requires agencies to conduct a review to ensure adequate policies and controls are in place to mitigate the risk of inappropriate conference spending practices and until the EDO (NRC Deputy Secretary equivalent) can certify that adequate controls are in place that the EDO has to clear all conference related activities and expenses. The executive summary, page xix, has the \$16 muffin sound bite that is resonating within the press.

At the CFO Council Meeting we heard in-depth discussion from the both OMB and the DOJ CFO regarding this issue and the expectations for agencies to follow the guidance verbatim. SECY asked for who should sign out the response to OMB. I volunteered since it will be addressed to Danny Werfel, OMB Controller, and the POC is the Debra Bond, OMB Deputy Controller who are the CFO points of contact. We should discuss asap how we will implement and report out. We don't want to follow in DOJ's footsteps.

Jim

From: Hudson, Sharon

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 11:48 AM

To: Mitchell, Reggie; Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Golder, Jennifer; New, Edward; Rough, Richard

Subject: Department of Justice report on conference costs

The report that Jim mentioned in the staff meeting is at the link below:

<http://www.justice.gov/oig/reports/plus/a1143.pdf>

thank you,

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