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From: Abraham, Susan *MSR*
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 8:41 AM
To: Leeds, Eric; Le, Hong
Cc: Langlie, Liz; Kipfer, Lorna
Subject: RE: HEADS UP - NEW DIRECTIVE FROM OMB ON TRAVEL, CONFERENCE SPENDING, AND RELATED TOPICS

Eric,

We're looking into the RIC and will get back to you. Susan

From: Leeds, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 7:56 AM
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Please take a look into this and see what we can find out. We may need help from OCFO and/or OGC.

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From: Wiggins, Jim *MSR*
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 6:30 AM
To: Johnson, Michael; Leeds, Eric
Subject: RE: HEADS UP - NEW DIRECTIVE FROM OMB ON TRAVEL, CONFERENCE SPENDING, AND RELATED TOPICS

Is the RIC susceptible? How would OMB react to a conference we pay for that can be classified as a benefit for industry?

From: Johnson, Michael *EDD*
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2012 11:30 AM
To: Wiggins, Jim; Dean, Bill; McCree, Victor; Pederson, Cynthia; Casto, Chuck; Collins, Elmo; Leeds, Eric; Holahan, Gary
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FYI. More to come on this. By my quick read, much of your travel would be excluded from the reductions. We'll get out an agency approach.

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Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 4:52 PM
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Cc: Landau, Mindy; Mamish, Nader; Ash, Darren; Johnson, Michael; Borchardt, Bill
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Good afternoon. Jim Dyer shared with us today the latest guidance from OMB regarding prudent spending of Federal resources (attached). We will work with OCFO, ADM, and OGC to understand how these new directives pertain to the NRC. In the interim, I wanted to ensure your awareness of this memo. As you read it, note the following:

Travel

- In FY2013, each agency is directed to spend 30% less on travel than in FY2010. Agencies are directed to maintain this reduced level of spending through FY2016.
- Agencies can exclude travel expenses only if the agency head determines that such reductions would undermine critical government functions, such as health and safety inspections, law enforcement, or site visits required for oversight or investigatory purposes; I expect that we will make this determination for certain purposes, but not generally across the board.
- The “savings” from the travel reduction are to be invested to improve transparency of and accountability for Federal spending.
- Budget submittals for FY2014 will include a description of process changes and technology investments to sustain these reductions.
- GSA and DOD will conduct a review and establish or clarify policies to increase the economy of Federal travel

Conferences

- Deputy Secretaries (or equivalent; DEDOs) are required to review the spending for agency-sponsored conferences with net expenses in excess of \$100K
- Expenses on single conferences in excess of \$500K are prohibited, unless waived by an Agency head due to exceptional circumstances where such spending is the most cost-effective options to achieve a compelling purpose
- Post on the agency web site a list of all conferences in excess of \$100K, including waivers from the agency head

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