

The Department of the Treasury's FY 2014 Conference Spending Report

In FY 2014, the Treasury Department continued initiatives to reduce conference spending and to ensure that appropriate policies, procedures, and controls were in place to that end. The Department revised and supplemented its Treasury-wide Directive that consolidates and streamlines the conference approval process and establishes consistent policy for all conference-related activities. The Assistant Secretary for Management, Deputy Secretary, and Secretary reviewed conference-related spending as appropriate per policy, and all bureaus followed established internal policies to work to ensure that all conference-related activity adhered to appropriate guidelines. In addition, a Treasury-wide working group on conferences continued to provide guidance and share best practices in conference planning and identify ways to reduce conference-related spending across the Department.

Treasury Department policy allows expenses for conferences only if they are necessary to carry out Treasury's mission and are consistent with specific approval guidelines. In FY 2014, the Treasury Department sponsored domestic and international meetings and events to promote economic stability and growth, to strengthen and protect the integrity of the financial system, and to manage the U.S. government's finances.

In accordance with OMB Memorandum 12-12, below is detail on the Treasury-sponsored conferences in FY 2014 where the net expenses to the Department exceeded \$100,000. This report does not cover conferences sponsored by the Treasury Office of the Inspector General, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the Special Inspector General for the Treasury Asset Relief Program, or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

DATE(S) OF CONFERENCE	BUREAU	CONFERENCE NAME	LOCATION	PURPOSE	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	TOTAL COST
2/10/14 - 2/13/14	IRS	IRS - Congressional Affairs Program Conference	Washington, DC	The Congressional Affairs Program Conference allows the Local Taxpayer Advocates (LTAs) and Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) senior leadership to be able to satisfy its statutory requirements of IRC §§ 7803(c)(2)(A) and 7803(c)(2)(B)(ii). This event consists of organizational and educational sessions (core technical training) followed by scheduled LTA meetings on Capitol Hill with the Senators and Representatives from the LTAs' home states.	100	\$111,971
7/8/14 - 7/10/14	DO	U.S. - China Strategic & Economic Dialogue (S&ED)	Beijing, China	Established by President Obama and then Chinese President Hu in 2009, the S&ED is a Presidential initiative that serves as a mechanism for ongoing engagement with China throughout the year. The Dialogue addresses U.S. and Chinese issues of concern, as well as shared opportunities, and includes an annual two-day high-level meeting that draws participants from across the U.S. and Chinese governments. The S&ED consists of two "tracks," an Economic track, chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury, and a Strategic track, chaired by the Secretary of State. As the President's Special Representative for the Economic Track, the Secretary of the Treasury is responsible for taking the leading role in developing and driving U.S.-China economic policy for the U.S. government and is responsible for all Economic track-related preparations associated with the S&ED.	25	\$173,152

8/11/14 - 8/13/14	BFS	Bureau of Fiscal Service - 24th Annual Government Financial Management Conference	Washington, DC	The Financial Management Conference is an educational and training event, providing up-to-date and expert information on improvements, advancements, and developments in federal financial management. Educating customers to better manage financial systems and comply with accounting requirements furthers Fiscal Service's mission, and the Department's, to transform financial management in the federal government.	710	\$104,577
8/18/14 - 8/20/14	IRS	IRS - Identity Theft Operational Training	Franklin, TN	Identity Theft Refund Fraud is a major concern to taxpayers, businesses, and government. Investigations into such crimes are an integral part of the Criminal Investigation Annual Business Plan. In order to successfully facilitate this investigative program it is important to educate Identity Theft Coordinators who take on the critical role of assisting field offices with these types of schemes.	112	\$108,786
9/8/14 - 9/12/14	IRS	IRS - Tax Exempt and Government Entities (TEGE) Exempt Organizations	Covington, KY	This training is in response to Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration recommendations. The training will cover change management skills for all levels of managers within the Exempt Organizations function.	95	\$109,376
9/15/14 - 9/17/14	IRS	IRS - Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Operational Meeting	Kansas City, MO	The purpose of this meeting is to provide operational guidance and direction to Criminal Investigation's Senior Leadership (Executives, Special Agents in Charge, Assistant Special Agents in Charge, Headquarters Directors). Asset Forfeiture overview and updates will be discussed. Other critical items to be discussed are the IRS Strategic plan, FY 2015 goals and strategies, budget/funding, succession planning, Criminal Tax Counsel, and other critical senior leadership topics.	125	\$119,911