

The Department of the Treasury's FY 2017 Conference Spending Report

In FY 2017, the Treasury Department continued initiatives to oversee conference spending and to ensure that appropriate policies, procedures, and controls were in place to that end. The Department's bureaus continue to follow the Treasury-wide Directive that consolidates and streamlines the conference approval and reporting process and establishes consistent policy for all conference-related activities. Departmental Offices and Treasury bureaus followed established internal policies to ensure that all conference-related activity adhered to appropriate guidelines.

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 2017, the Treasury Department sponsored meetings and training 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 M-17-08, below is detail on the Treasury-sponsored conferences in FY 2017 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.

Bureau	Conference Name	Purpose	Location	Date(s) of Conference	Number of Attendees	Total Cost
IRS	Special Agent Basic Training	Special Agent candidates are required to attend a comprehensive training program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Training begins with Pre-Basic, which is an orientation program sponsored by the National Criminal Investigation Training Academy. During this training, the new agents will be sworn in, complete administrative forms and receive information on Standards and Expectations and the IRS-CI organization. Students then attend a 12-week Criminal Investigation Training Program (CITP) covering basic federal criminal investigation techniques, including federal criminal law, courtroom procedures, enforcement operations, and firearms training. After CITP is completed, candidates continue on to CIs Special Agent Investigative Techniques (SAIT) training, which is a 14-week specialized training course. The training includes instruction in tax law, criminal tax fraud, money laundering and a variety of financial fraud schemes as well as electronic surveillance techniques, court procedures, and trial preparation.	Glynco, GA	8/15/2016 - 4/5/2017	29	\$448,576
				8/15/2016 - 4/5/2017	29	\$304,459
				9/26/2016 - 4/21/2017	18	\$116,310
				2/1/2017 - 7/21/2017	27	\$357,963
IRS	Estate and Gift Tax Attorney Phase 1 Training	Estate and Gift Tax Attorney Phase I curriculum includes the study and procedural training of tax law associated with estate and gift taxation.	Kansas City, MO	9/19/2016 - 10/19/2016	33	\$225,199

IRS	Revenue Agent (RA) Basic 1 Classroom	This course will provide Revenue Agents with the skills and knowledge required to conduct examinations of individual business and non-business returns in a correct manner.	Saint Louis, MO	9/23/2016 - 10/6/2016	42	\$104,210
			Indianapolis, IN	9/23/2016 - 10/6/2016	55	\$133,608
			Kansas City, MO	9/23/2016 - 10/6/2016	53	\$126,583
			Jacksonville, FL	9/23/2016 - 10/6/2016	51	\$106,187
			Kansas City, MO	10/24/2016 - 11/17/2016	46	\$227,569
			Saint Louis, MO	10/24/2016 - 11/17/2016	43	\$198,636
			Jacksonville, FL	10/24/2016 - 11/17/2016	53	\$204,590
			Covington, KY	10/24/2016 - 11/17/2016	43	\$201,790
			Indianapolis, IN	10/24/2016 - 11/17/2016	47	\$222,238
			IRS	Tax Compliance Officer (TCO) 1	This course will provide Tax Compliance Officers with the skills and knowledge required to conduct examinations of individual business and non-business returns in a correct manner.	Saint Louis, MO
Jacksonville, FL	9/23/2016 - 10/21/2016	30				\$125,684

IRS	Revenue Officer Training - Unit 1	This training completes the revenue officers recruit training of the technical skills required to complete journey level casework.	Austin, TX	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	30	\$129,317
			Dallas, TX	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	30	\$102,941
			New Carrollton, MD	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	48	\$133,044
			Ogden, UT	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	31	\$165,667
			Fresno, CA	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	32	\$171,424
			Kansas City, MO	10/4/2016 - 11/1/2016	30	\$188,202
			Kansas City, MO	1/26/2017 - 2/5/2017	29	\$127,855
			Kansas City, MO	3/15/2017 - 4/4/2017	23	\$110,043
			Kansas City, MO	6/7/2017 - 6/27/2017	22	\$106,474
IRS	Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program (SESCDP)	The Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program (SESCDP) is a competitive program designed to develop the qualifications of employees with strong leadership potential for career appointment to the Senior Executive Service.	Washington, DC/Kansas City, MO	12/5/2016 - 3/3/2017	27	\$184,485
			Washington, DC	4/23/2017 - 7/14/2017	26	\$191,823
IRS	2017 Congressional Affairs Program (CAP) Conference	The CAP 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.	Washington, DC	2/6/2017 - 2/10/2017	125	\$172,387

IRS	Advanced Asset Forfeiture Training (AAFT)	Criminal Investigation Asset Forfeiture Coordinators and Asset Forfeiture Specialists will be trained on advanced Asset Forfeiture and new forfeiture policies from Treasury Executive Office of Asset Forfeiture (TEOAF) and Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture - Money Laundering Section (AFMLS). This training will increase Criminal Investigation`s ability to affirmatively influence the consistent and strategic use of asset forfeiture to disrupt and dismantle criminal enterprises. Criminal Investigation will thus be more effective and will be able to exercise the fullest amount of deterrence possible. Asset Forfeiture Coordinators are the experts in the field offices regarding asset forfeiture and handle the critical aspects of assisting special agents with the pre-seizure planning, monitoring and abiding by CAFRA deadlines; providing assistance to agents and AUSAs with seizure and forfeiture of assets; and maintaining AFTRAK, the asset forfeiture tracking system.	Glynco, GA	2/7/2017 - 2/9/2017	104	\$105,927
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IRS	Treasury Macintosh Forensics	Advanced computer forensic training for Special Agent - Computer Investigative Specialists (SA-CIS) to provide them with the necessary skills and tools for seizing, preserving, and analyzing digital evidence from Apple Macintosh computers and tablet devices. Upon completion of this advanced training, the SA-CIS is expected to support their local area with the analysis of any Apple devices and to refine these new skills through various continuing professional education and training. SA-CISs generally attend this specialized Macintosh course after performing the duties of a computer forensic examiner for at least two years.	Glynco, GA	3/6/2017 - 3/17/2017	10	\$158,915
IRS	Use of Force Instructor Training (UOFIT)	The UOFIT is an accredited program provided new use of force instructors with the complete base of knowledge required to teach the Integrated Use of Force Program in our various field offices. The UOFIT Program uses reality-based scenario training, involving teamwork, and dynamic scenarios.	Glynco, GA	3/7/2017 - 3/23/2017	24	\$142,036
				5/2/2017 - 5/19/2017	25	\$123,741
IRS	Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training	Required basic training provided to Special Agents that are selected as Special Agent - Computer Investigative Specialists (SA-CIS) for Electronic Crimes. This training provides the new SA-CIS with the basic necessary skills and tools for seizing, preserving, and analyzing digital evidence. This BCERT course is a prerequisite course for all advanced computer forensic training courses.	Glynco, GA	3/20/2017 - 3/31/2017	28	\$179,862
				5/15/2017 - 6/23/2017	25	\$184,434

IRS	Advanced Financial Crimes Task Force	Successful deployment of advanced training will ensure that Financial Crimes Task Force (FCTF) members are current with policies and procedures. This will benefit the field office by ensuring the members have knowledge of and are capable of their duties.	Glynco, GA	6/6/2017 - 6/8/2017	114	\$122,512
IRS	Identity Theft - QRP/RPP Conference	Provide critical, hands-on, interactive training to the field office coordinators concerning identity theft and other evolving issues facing IRS. Field office coordinators are relied upon by special agents to provide them with assistance and their expertise in identity theft and other return preparer related cases. Training will include interactive case presentations as well as best practices roundtable. Bringing all of these individuals under one roof will allow for all to be immersed in one message, practice, understanding of policy, procedures and legal issues relative to identity theft investigations. Additionally, the opportunity for coordinators to participate in this training face to face will allow for high level impact and open exchange of dialogue between various field offices across the country. Coordinators will be encouraged to ask questions or share information about successful investigative methods or seek guidance for those that have proven to be unusual situations. Private sector speakers and other governmental agency representatives provide specialized expertise and knowledge in their fields that directly impact criminal investigation's mission and are specific to this training. The attendees' ability to directly interact with these subject matter experts will provide invaluable knowledge and greatly enhance the learning experience.	Glynco, GA	8/8/2017 - 8/10/2017	106	\$135,810

IRS	Internet Investigative Training Program	The Internet Investigations Training Program (IITP) is designed to give investigators, analysts, and individuals serving as direct law enforcement support personnel the basic understanding they need to conduct internet-based investigations.	Glynco, GA	8/21/2017 - 9/1/2017	20	\$148,851
IRS	Dallas Regional Continuing Legal Education (CLE)	The Dallas Regional CLE is one in a series of regional cross-functional programs designed to impart in-depth, Office-wide guidance on new and emerging legal, policy, and procedural issues with business-unit-specific technical training, scenario-based discussion, and practical exercises for SBSE and LBI employees. This training program provides not only the opportunity for Field and Headquarters/ National Office components to conduct case-specific strategy sessions, technical training, and manager training and coordination, they have served the critical and unique function of bringing together geographically disparate individuals and offices for networking, coordination, unified messaging, and planning.	Dallas, TX	8/22/2017 - 8/24/2017	117	\$115,177