

In FY 2013, 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 Assistant Secretary for Management and the Deputy Secretary reviewed conference-related spending, 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 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 2013, 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 only Treasury-sponsored conference in FY 2013 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.

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Date(s) of Conference	Bureau	Conference Name	Location	Purpose	Number of Attendees	Total Cost
2/11/13-2/15/13	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.	120	\$186,961