



DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2015 and 2016

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Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016 Report to Congress



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Message from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer

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I am pleased to present the following report, “DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Participants in DHS Conferences,” which has been prepared by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

The report was compiled pursuant to legislative language in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83).

This report covers the period from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2016.



Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:

The Honorable John R. Carter
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Jon Tester
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 447-5141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacy Marcott', written over a horizontal line.

Stacy Marcott
Chief Financial Officer (Acting)

Executive Summary

In FY 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) sponsored one conference for which non-Federal participants were charged to attend. The conference was conducted at a total cost of \$69,389, and non-Federal participants were charged \$36,531.

In FY 2016, CBP sponsored two conferences for which non-Federal participants were charged to attend. The two conferences were conducted at a total cost of \$293,373, and non-Federal participants were charged \$143,828.

A detailed breakdown of these events is provided in the data report below.



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I. Legislative Language

This report is in response to the reporting requirements set forth in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83), which states:

For fiscal year 2010 and thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security may collect fees from any non-Federal participant in a conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting conducted by the Department of Homeland Security in advance of the conference, either directly or by contract, and those fees shall be credited to the appropriation or account from which the costs of the conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting are paid and shall be available to pay the costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference or to reimburse the Department for costs incurred with respect to the conference: Provided, That in the event the total amount of fees collected with respect to a conference exceeds the actual costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference, the amount of such excess shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than January 5, 2011, providing the level of collections and a summary by agency of the purposes and levels of expenditures for the prior fiscal year, and shall report annually thereafter.

II. Background

The enclosed report provides information on the number of Department-sponsored conferences at which non-Federal participants were charged a fee to attend. The information was collected from DHS Components, which reported conferences that they sponsored where non-Federal participants were charged fees to offset the conference costs. For each such event, the Components provided the total amount of fees collected from non-Federal participants (and non-DHS Federal participants, if any), the total conference-related costs, and the amount of fees returned to the Department of Treasury, if any (i.e., fees collected from non-Federal participants that exceeded the conference costs).

This information is aggregated and incorporated into the enclosed data report.

III. Data Report

DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Sources: **FY 2015**

<i>Sponsoring Component</i>	<i>Name of Conference</i>	<i>Conference Date</i>	<i>Fees Collected from Non-Federal Sources</i>	<i>Total Conference-Related Costs</i>	<i>Amount of Fees Returned to Treasury¹</i>	<i>Other Fees²</i>
CBP	FY 2015 West Coast Trade Symposium	5/27/2015	\$36,531	\$69,389	\$0	\$0
Total			\$36,531	\$69,389	\$0	\$0

¹ Fees collected from non-Federal sources in excess of actual costs for individual participation are returned to the Treasury.

² Other fees include exhibitor registration fees and company financial contributions (indirect offset of conference costs paid directly to the hotel).

DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Sources: FY 2016

<i>Sponsoring Component</i>	<i>Name of Conference</i>	<i>Conference Date</i>	<i>Fees Collected from Non-Federal Sources</i>	<i>Total Conference-Related Costs</i>	<i>Amount of Fees Returned to Treasury¹</i>	<i>Other Fees²</i>
CBP	FY 2016 East Coast Trade Symposium	11/04/2015	\$72,848	\$161,997	\$0	\$0
CBP	FY 2016 West Coast Trade Symposium	5/25/2016	\$70,980	\$131,376	\$0	\$0
Total			\$143,828	\$293,373	\$0	\$0

¹ Fees collected from non-Federal sources in excess of actual costs for individual participation are returned to the Treasury.

² Other fees include exhibitor registration fees and company financial contributions (indirect offset of conference costs paid directly to the hotel).