



# **DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Nonfederal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2017**

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Fiscal Year 2017 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 Nonfederal 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 (FY) 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83). This report covers the period from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

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) 447-5751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stacy Marcott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stacy Marcott  
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

# Executive Summary

In FY 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection sponsored three conferences for which nonfederal participants were charged to attend. The three conferences were conducted at a total cost of \$474,348, and nonfederal participants were charged \$276,973.

A detailed breakdown of this event 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 (FY) 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 nonfederal participants were charged a fee to attend. The information was collected from DHS Components, which reported conferences that they sponsored at which nonfederal participants were charged fees to offset the conference costs. For each such event, the Components provided the total amount of fees collected from nonfederal participants (and 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 nonfederal 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 Nonfederal Sources: **FY 2017**

<i>Sponsoring Component</i>	<i>Name of Conference</i>	<i>Conference Date</i>	<i>Fees Collected from Nonfederal Sources</i>	<i>Total Conference-Related Costs</i>	<i>Amount of Fees Returned to Treasury<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Other Fees<sup>2</sup></i>
CBP	FY 2017 East Coast Trade Symposium	12/01/2016	\$96,239	\$137,112	\$0	\$0
CBP	FY 2017 West Coast Trade Symposium	5/24/2017	\$51,359	\$151,834	\$0	\$0
CBP	2017 Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Conference	08/29/2017	\$129,375	\$185,402	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$276,973</b>	<b>\$474,348</b>		

<sup>1</sup>Fees collected from nonfederal sources in excess of actual costs for individual participation are returned to the Department of Treasury.

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