



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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The Department of the Treasury's FY 2018 Conference Spending Report

In FY 2018, 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. The Assistant Secretary for Management, Deputy Secretary, and Secretary have reviewed all conference-related spending as appropriate per policy, and all bureaus have 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 2018, 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 are details on the Treasury-sponsored conferences in FY 2018 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	Basic Corporations - Wave 1	This training course is the second phase of training for new SBSE revenue agents and covers all issues related to corporations.	Covington, KY	9/27/2017 to 10/12/2017	29	\$128,428
IRS	Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program	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	7/31/2017 to 10/20/2017	22	\$184,290
			Washington, DC	6/18/2018 to 9/7/2018	22	\$212,265
IRS	Special Agent Basic Training	Special Agent candidates are required to attend a comprehensive training beginning with an orientation program during which 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. Finally, candidates continue on to a 14 week CIs Special Agent Investigative Techniques	Glynco, GA	6/5/2017 to 12/20/2017	26	\$528,092
			Glynco, GA	8/2/2017 to 2/8/2018	30	\$379,957

		(SAIT) training. 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.				
IRS	FY 2018 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	2/5/2018 to 2/9/2018	121	\$ 172,006
IRS	Pass-Through Entities - Wave 2	This is the 3rd phase of training for new SBSE revenue agents and includes training on partnership and s-corporation returns.	Kansas City, MO	2/27/2018 to 03/15/2018	31	\$ 116,174
IRS	Refund Crimes Business Object Enterprise Training	This system known as BOE will be replacing Oracle Discoverer, it is of the utmost importance and urgency that the staff at the Scheme Development Centers is properly trained to use this method in data analysis, link analytics and scheme development.	Glynco, GA	4/17/2018 to 04/26/2018	38	\$ 122,469
			Glynco, GA	5/1/2018 to 5/10/2018	38	\$ 124,828
IRS	Advanced Covert Operations Training	This training emphasizes the development of both technical and behavioral skills. This training exposes agents to increasingly difficult interactive scenarios patterned after actual investigations, where they can apply investigative criminal techniques and knowledge of federal law throughout the scenarios. The stress level of	Glynco, GA	7/17/2018 to 07/26/2018	54	\$ 195,206

		participants is challenged through the controlled scenarios placing candidates in situations where they must make decisions under stress. Multiple role players, mentors and evaluators are required to effectively run the scenarios and evaluate the candidate's abilities to conduct covert operations in a safe and legal manner.				
IRS	QRP / RPP Identity Theft Training	Critical, hands-on, interactive training for 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 and provides an understanding of policy, procedures and legal issues relative to identity theft investigations.	Glynco, GA	08/14/2018 to 08/16/2018	102	\$ 124,407
IRS	Management Development: Leading Organizations	The employees will learn to reframe their organization through the four organizational frames: structural, human resource, political, and symbolic. They will learn to integrate these four lenses in a comprehensive way so that they can manage organizational change to lead to new opportunities for growth and development.	Aurora, CO	8/13/2018 to 8/17/2018	27	\$ 105,055
IRS	Basic Trial Advocacy	The focus of this training is on understanding and practicing litigation skills. Accordingly, this training is conducted in a simulated courtroom setting as if this were an actual Tax Court trial. All participants are expected to be prepared to	Philadelphia, PA	6/25/2018 to 6/29/2018	59	\$114,293

		engage in a variety of trial exercises daily and a trial on the last day of the program. Exercises include opening statements and the direct and cross-examinations of trial witnesses. Students are critiqued by the instructors in group settings and one-on-one for maximum benefit. The final exercise is a trial performance where the students work in pairs as co-counsel.				
IRS	International Technical Training – East	Given the significant increase in strategic focus of the IRS’ work on international tax matters and emphasis on networks within the IPN, the rapidly evolving roles and responsibilities of attorneys who interface with the client on audits and in the IPNs, and the significant changeover in personnel dedicated to international tax matters in both the client and Counsel, the training will provide much needed opportunities to build stronger working relationships with the geographically diverse offices in the IRS charged with administering international tax issues.	Washington, DC	7/10/2018 to 7/12/2018	194	\$168,135
IRS	International Technical Training - West	Given the significant increase in strategic focus of the IRS’ work on international tax matters and emphasis on networks within the IPN, the rapidly evolving roles and responsibilities of attorneys who interface with the client on audits and in the IPNs, and the significant changeover in personnel dedicated to international tax matters in both the client and Counsel, the training will provide much needed opportunities to build stronger working relationships with the geographically diverse offices in the IRS	Dallas, TX	8/14/2018	161	\$196,704

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IRS	Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Training	The Chicago 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.	Chicago, IL	8/6/2018 to 8/10/2018	138	\$172,661