

The Department of the Treasury's FY 2015 Conference Spending Report

In FY 2015, 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 reviewed conference-related spending as preset forth in the policy, and all bureaus followed established internal policies to work 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 2015, 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 12-12, below is detail on the Treasury-sponsored conferences in FY 2015 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.

Date(s) of Conference	Bureau	Conference Name	Location	Purpose	Number of Attendees	Total Cost
6/5/2014 - 12/5/2014	IRS	Special Agent Basic Training	Glynco, GA	Special Agent Basic Training is a comprehensive training program conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. This course is designed to provide new agents with the opportunity to progressively learn and practice complex tasks required to perform on the job as a Special Agent.	29	\$379,212
9/11/2014 - 3/2/2015	IRS	Special Agent Basic Training	Glynco, GA	Special Agent Basic Training is a comprehensive training program conducted at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. This course is designed to provide new agents with the opportunity to progressively learn and practice complex tasks required to perform on the job as a Special Agent.	27	\$342,850
10/6/2014 - 11/7/2014	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 1 Classroom Training - Class 1	Saint Louis, MO	Phase 1 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	24	\$119,345
10/6/2014 - 11/7/2014	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 1 Classroom Training - Class 3	Indianapolis, IN	Phase 1 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	31	\$168,774
10/6/2014 - 11/7/2014	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 1 Classroom Training - Classes 4/5	Jacksonville, FL	Phase 1 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	50	\$218,111
10/6/2014 - 11/7/2014	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 1 Classroom Training - Class 2	Kansas City, MO	Phase 1 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	26	\$116,752

10/16/2014 - 11/13/2014	IRS	Revenue Officer Unit 1 - Class 4	Franklin, TN	Revenue Officer Unit 1 prepares newly-hired SB/SE Field Collection Revenue Officers to perform the duties required in their new jobs. The training is the first phase of entry-level training provided to new Revenue Officers. The Revenue Officer Unit training is designed to be taught in a classroom environment due to the necessity to have interactivity and feedback to foster learning. Face to face training allows instructors to observe practice interactions and evaluate and measure whether the learner is absorbing the information and provide coaching to individuals and small groups.	29	\$182,792
10/16/2014 - 11/13/2014	IRS	Revenue Officer Unit 1 - Class 3	Oakland, CA	Revenue Officer Unit 1 prepares newly-hired SB/SE Field Collection Revenue officers to perform the duties required in their new jobs. The training is the first phase of entry-level training provided to new Revenue Officers. The Revenue Officer Unit training is designed to be taught in a classroom environment due to the necessity to have interactivity and feedback to foster learning. Face to face training allows instructors to observe practice interactions and evaluate and measure whether the learner is absorbing the information and provide coaching to individuals and small groups.	25	\$163,518
10/16/2014 - 11/13/2014	IRS	Revenue Officer Unit 1 - Class 1	Jacksonville, FL	Revenue Officer Unit 1 prepares newly-hired SB/SE Field Collection Revenue Officers to perform the duties required in their new jobs. The training is the first phase of entry-level training provided to new Revenue Officers. The Revenue Officer Unit training is designed to be taught in a classroom environment due to the necessity to have interactivity and feedback to foster learning. Face to face training allows instructors to observe practice interactions and evaluate and measure whether the learner is absorbing the information and provide coaching to individuals and small groups.	26	\$117,264

10/21/2014 - 11/7/2014	IRS	Filing Season Apprentice 1 - Tax Law	Cincinnati, OH	Core training needed for new hires to provide service to taxpayers. This course allows employees to build their knowledge and skill bases to provide effective customer service to taxpayers at IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers during filing season. Topics include non-receipt of Forms W-2 and 1099, using basic Integrated Data Retrieval System command codes, and understand disclosure policy. Students also learn to use automated tools such as the Servicewide Electronic Research Program, the Accounts Management System basic functionality, Integrated Automation Technologies. Face-to-face setting is needed to ensure understanding and to achieve knowledge transfer.	21	\$101,492
11/17/2014 - 11/21/2014	DO	Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) Global Conference	Alexandria, VA	The OTA Global Conference was critical to helping ensure that the efforts of Treasury technical advisors deployed around the world are aligned with and facilitate the achievement of Treasury and USG policy objectives. Senior Treasury leadership spoke directly with OTA advisors regarding the role that technical assistance plays in supporting Treasury policy priorities, such as promoting economic and fiscal stability and sound and secure financial sectors. The conference also afforded OTA and Treasury management the opportunity to have in-depth discussions with advisors regarding the status of Treasury's 90+ technical assistance projects, which are being executed in more than 40 countries globally. Advisors also received training, both on technical matters related to OTA projects as well as mandatory ethics training, and learned of changes in OTA policy regarding project implementation and evaluation, logistical support, human resources, and contracting.	186	\$382,657
1/26/2015 - 2/13/2015	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 2 - Session 1	Oakland, CA	Phase 2 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	28	\$101,868

1/26/2015 - 2/13/2015	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 2 - Session 2	Indianapolis, IN	Phase 2 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	38	\$142,766
1/26/2015 - 2/13/2015	IRS	Tax Compliance Officer 2 - Session 3	Jacksonville, FL	Phase 2 training for Tax Compliance Officer new hires in order for them to learn and apply the tax law associated with Individual Business and Non-Business returns.	46	\$138,052
2/2/2015 - 2/5/2015	IRS	Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) Congressional Affairs Program (CAP) Conference	Washington, DC	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.	107	\$132,268
2/18/2015 - 3/10/2015	IRS	Revenue Officer Unit 2	Dallas, TX	Revenue Officer Unit 2 prepares newly-hired SB/SE Field Collection Revenue Officers to perform the duties required in their new jobs. The training is the second phase of entry-level training provided to new revenue officers. -It provides the foundation for the skills needed by all Revenue Officers. The Revenue Officer Unit 2 training is designed to be taught in a classroom environment due to the necessity to have interactivity and feedback to foster learning. Face-to-face training allows instructors to observe practice interactions and evaluate and measure whether the learner is absorbing the information and provide coaching to individuals and small groups.	26	\$130,119
2/18/2015 - 3/10/2015	IRS	Revenue Officer Unit 2	Oakland, CA	Revenue Officer Unit 2 prepares newly-hired SB/SE Field Collection Revenue Officers to perform the duties required in their new jobs. -The training is the second phase of entry-level training provided to new revenue officers. -It provides the foundation for the skills needed by all Revenue Officers. The Revenue Officer Unit 2 training is designed to be taught in a classroom environment due to the necessity to	26	\$124,437

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6/22/2015 - 6/26/2015	IRS	Office of Chief Counsel - Advanced Trial Advocacy	Dallas, TX	The Advanced Trial Advocacy program is designated to develop Chief Counsel attorneys' litigation skills through Tax Court trial simulation. Working together with other experienced attorneys and instructors, students will enhance their trial advocacy skills through a regular series of pre-trial (i.e., pre-training) conferences and rigorous analysis of a highly complex case file followed by classroom exercises, critique, and a trial. The course curriculum is designed to enhance the analytical and presentational trial skills through presentations on evidence and procedural topics, demonstrations, simulations, role plays, and student performances.	63	\$109,055
7/14/2015 - 7/16/2015	IRS	Office of Chief Counsel - Colloquium on International Tax (East)	Washington, DC	The purpose of the 2015 Colloquium on International Tax (East) is two-fold: first, to provide experts in international tax issues within Chief Counsel and the IRS the technical training on emerging and strategic international topics. Second, it will enable employees to schedule essential face-to-face meetings with international tax experts regarding actual cases, and to establish relationships with other professionals similarly charged with international tax administration.	207	\$161,363
8/3/2015 - 8/7/2015	IRS	Office of Chief Counsel - Colloquium on International Tax (West)	Oakland, CA	The purpose of the 2015 Colloquium on International Tax (West) is two-fold: first, to provide experts in international tax issues within Chief Counsel and the IRS the technical training on emerging and strategic international topics. Second, it will enable employees to schedule essential face-to-face meetings with international tax experts regarding actual cases, and to establish relationships with other professionals similarly charged with international tax administration.	143	\$156,230

8/11/2015 - 8/13/2015	BFS	25th Annual Government Financial Management Conference	Washington, DC	The Financial Management Conference is an educational and training event, providing up-to-date and expert information on improvements, advancements, and developments in federal financial management. Educating customers to better manage financial systems and comply with accounting requirements furthers Fiscal Service's mission, and the Department's; to transform financial management in the federal government.	750	\$106,475
8/17/2015 – 8/28/2015	IRS	Undercover Agent Training	Indianapolis, IN	Special Investigative Techniques is a unique and high-risk operational program area whose agents require intense and specialized training. This training helps determine if candidates are suited for SIT work. SIT training is conducted in two phases. Phase 2 training requires a classroom setting for participants including the students, instructors, mentors, and SIT employees who lead the training. The scenarios require a minimum of four residential type locations so mentors and instructors can observe the scenarios without being physically present in the scenario and, therefore, distracting to the candidates. In addition, Phase 2 requires a classroom for presentations, an "office" setting where candidates can complete paperwork associated with the practical exercises, an area to prepare the candidates with SIT equipment and a private room to meet with a psychologist.	45	\$103,370
9/21/2015 – 9/25/2015	IRS	Wi-Fi Tools for Analysis and GEO-Locating (WTAG) Training Program	Glynco, GA	The WTAG training program is designed to review the capability of hidden devices in structures, peer-to-peer hidden communication through use of common devices, and geo-location of those Wi-Fi devices. The program will also review real-world circumstance of Wi-Fi being involved in Child Pornography, Terrorism, and Child Exploitation. The WTAG will review the threats, the exploits, and the defense techniques along with real-world investigative techniques available to Law Enforcement.	20	\$100,374