

The Department of the Treasury's FY 2016 Conference Spending Report

In FY 2016, 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 appropriate per 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 2016, 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 is detail on the Treasury-sponsored conferences in FY 2016 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
8/3/2015 – 10/23/2015	IRS	Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program (SESCDP)	Washington, DC	The SESCO is a competitive program designed to develop the qualifications of employees with strong leadership potential for career appointment to the SES. The SESCO is also needed to address high attrition due to retirement and ensure succession planning toward a large pool of retirement-eligible executives.	23	\$122,957
2/1/2016 – 2/3/2016	IRS	2016 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.	126	\$134,249
5/9/2016 – 5/11/2016	IRS	Criminal Investigations (CI) Senior Leadership Operations Meeting	Denver, CO	IRS-CI Executive Headquarter Senior Leadership and all field office senior management teams held an operational meeting to discuss criminal investigative priorities, law enforcement operations, investigations and cases, including ID Theft/Refund Fraud, Cyber Crimes, Forfeiture, and the Darknet. The meeting also covered the identification and effective management of operational risks, continued improvement of operational efficiencies, budget/funding and succession planning.	82	\$107,513
5/9/2016 – 6/17/2016	IRS	Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training (BCERT)	Glynco, GA	Required basic training provided to Special Agents selected as Special Agent - Computer Investigative Specialists (SA-CIS) for Electronic Crimes. This training provides new SA-CIS with the basic necessary skills and tools for seizing, preserving, and analyzing digital evidence. This BCERT course is a prerequisite course for all advanced computer forensic training courses.	8	\$166,021

6/5/2016 – 6/7/2016	DO	Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) VIII	Beijing, China	Established by President Obama and then-Chinese President Hu in 2009, the S&ED is a Presidential initiative that serves as a mechanism for ongoing engagement with China throughout the year. The Dialogue addresses U.S. and Chinese issues of concern, as well as shared opportunities, and includes an annual two-day high-level meeting that draws participants from across the U.S. and Chinese governments.	29	\$182,903
6/7/2016 – 6/9/2016	IRS	Advanced Financial Crimes Task Force	Glynco, GA	Financial Crimes Task Force members were trained on new forfeiture and Title 31 policies from Treasury Executive Office of Asset Forfeiture and Department of Justice's Asset Forfeiture - Money Laundering Section. Individual task forces share best practices with the field and inform other offices about success that can possibly be replicated in other task forces.	102	\$109,846
6/27/2016 – 6/9/2016	IRS	Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training (BCERT)	Glynco, GA	Required basic training provided to Special Agents that are selected as Special Agent - Computer Investigative Specialists (SA-CIS) for Electronic Crimes. This training provided new SA-CIS with the basic necessary skills and tools for seizing, preserving, and analyzing digital evidence. This BCERT course is a prerequisite course for all advanced computer forensic training courses.	22	\$112,594
8/1/2016 – 8/19/2016	IRS	Use of Force Instructor Training (UOFIT)	Glynco, GA	The UOFIT is an accredited program provided new use of force instructors with the complete base of knowledge required to teach the Integrated Use of Force Program in our various field offices. The UOFIT Program uses reality-based scenario training, involving teamwork, and dynamic scenarios.	29	\$111,718
8/15/2016 - 8/17/2016	BFS	26th Annual Government Financial Management Conference	Washington, DC	The Government Financial Management Conference (GFMC) is an educational and training event, providing up-to-date expert information on improvements, advancements, and developments in federal financial management. Educating our customers is an important tool to assist the Fiscal Service in its mission to transform financial management in the federal government.	762	\$101,895

8/16/2016 - 8/18/2016	IRS	2016 Identity Theft, Questionable Return Preparer and Return Preparer Program Training	Glynco, GA	This training provided critical, hands-on, interactive training to the 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 included interactive case presentations as well as best practices roundtable.	100	\$116,444
8/23/2016 - 8/25/2016	IRS	2016 Identity Theft, Questionable Return Preparer and Return Preparer Program Training	Glynco, GA	This training provided critical, hands-on, interactive training to the 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 included interactive case presentations as well as best practices roundtable.	106	\$116,864
9/4/2016 - 9/8/2016	DO	19th Annual Asia-Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering Conference	San Diego, CA	The Bangladesh Government with support from the APG had been coordinating logistics for the annual APG Money Laundering Conference. Due to the current heightened security concerns, APG asked the United States to host this event. The APG Annual Conference brings together participants to further discuss the implementation and enforcement of internationally accepted standards against money laundering and financing of terrorism. Treasury's Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes participated in the APG to improve anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism worldwide.	320	\$122,148