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FY20 Four Approval Memorandums of Conference
Cost over $500k
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS AND MATERIAL READINESS

SUBJECT: 2020 Pacific Operational Science and Technology (POST) Conference

1. I reviewed the 2020 Pacific Operational Science and Technology (POST) Conference planned for Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu and Marine Corps Base Hawaii from March 9-13, 2020. The 2020 POST Conference theme of “Forward Together – Strengthening Partnership, Presence, and Military Readiness” is in direct support of our National Defense Strategy to modernize key capabilities and strengthen alliances and partnerships. POST will improve the relationship and responsiveness of the research and development community to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) needs. It will also build international partnerships through science and technology engagement. Additionally, the conference will enhance communications between DoD acquisition professionals and their industry counterparts and provides a forum for USINDOPACOM to brief industry representatives on our capability gaps in a group setting, mitigating the appearance of favoritism. Several dozen international dignitaries and leaders will be invited to speak and/or attend POST. The associated meeting opportunity is extended to all Services and agencies.

2. I am satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist whereby spending in excess of $800,000 on this conference is the most cost-effective option to achieve its compelling purpose, and attendance and expenses have been limited to the levels required to carry out the mission of the symposium.

3. I therefore grant a waiver for this event to proceed in accordance with the Deputy Chief Management Officer’s DoD Conference Guidance, version 3.0, dated September 23, 2015. This waiver is contingent on your continued efforts to ensure the best use of government funds and adherence with all applicable policies.

4. The point of contact is Dr. Martin Lindsey, USINDOPACOM Science and Technology Advisor, at martin.lindsey@navy.mil or (808) 477-8041.

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Admiral, U.S. Navy
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SUSTAINMNET
OFFICE OF PREPUBLICATION AND SECURITY REVIEW

SUBJECT: 2019 Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium

I have reviewed the 2019 Department of Defense (DoD) Maintenance Symposium planned for Spokane, Washington from December 9-12, 2019. The symposium will allow leaders from Government and industry to engage on key issues, share approaches and initiatives underway, educate each other on best practices, and jointly develop strategies for efficient use of maintenance resources to benefit the DoD maintenance and sustainment communities. Additionally, it presents an opportunity for associated meetings which reduces requirements for other separate meetings. During 2012-2018, the United States Marine Corps conducted associated cross commodity meetings at the DoD Maintenance Symposium saving in excess of $600,000 each year compared to methods previously used. In 2018, other associated meetings included the Air Force Senior Maintenance Leaders Forum, Corrosion Forum 49, Army G-4 Maintenance Community Forum, Army Maintenance Board, Army Software Sustainment Workshop, Army Equipment Modification Workshop, GCSS-Army Plant Maintenance Workshop, Army Award for Maintenance Excellence Workshop, Cross-organizational Software Sustainment Forum, and the 2018 Collaborative Business Relationship Workshop. The associated meeting opportunity is extended to all Services and agencies.

I am satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist whereby spending in excess of $500,000 on this symposium is the most cost-effective option to achieve its compelling purpose, and DoD attendance and expenses have been limited to the levels required to carry out the mission of the symposium.

I therefore grant a waiver for this event to proceed in accordance with the Deputy Chief Management Officer’s DoD Conference Guidance, version 4.0, dated June 26, 2016. This waiver is contingent on your continued efforts to ensure the best use of government funds and adherence with all applicable policies.

The OSD point of contact is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness, Mr. Kenneth D. Watson, kenneth.d.watson1.civ@mail.mil, (703) 697-7980.

Ellen M. Lord
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF PREPUBLICATION AND SECURITY REVIEW

SUBJECT: 2019 Defense Threat Reduction Agency Chemical and Biological Defense Science and Technology Conference

I have reviewed the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) request to host the 2019 Chemical and Biological Defense (CBD) Science and Technology (S&T) Conference at the Duke Energy Convention Center, in Cincinnati, OH on November 18-21, 2019.

Exceptional circumstances exist that justify spending in excess of $500,000 on this conference as the most cost-effective option to achieve its compelling purpose, with conference expenses already limited to the minimum levels required to carry out the conference mission.

I therefore grant a waiver only for the 2019 CBD S&T Conference to proceed in accordance with the Deputy Chief Management Officer’s Department of Defense Conference Guidance Version 4.0, dated June 26, 2016. The waiver is contingent upon DTRA’s continued efforts to ensure the best use of Government funds and adherence with all applicable policies.

My point of contact is Mr. Dale Taylor, Chemical and Biological Defense, Research and Development Directorate, Defense Threat reduction Agency at 571-616-6223, or dale.e.taylor4.civ@mail.mil.

Ellen M. Lord
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: TCCC

SUBJECT: Annual National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) and United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) Co-Sponsored Fall Meeting for 2019—Approval of Conference, Co-sponsorship, and Waiver of Department of Defense (DOD) Cost Ceiling of $500,000

1. Since 2013, NDTA and USTRANSCOM have co-sponsored an annual Fall Meeting, a dynamic forum designed to discuss issues, share information, and provide training relating to transportation readiness for the DOD and other U.S. Government agencies. The Fall Meeting is attended by government and military personnel, a wide cross-section of representatives from the transportation industry, academia, and interested members of the public. It provides information, critical training, and strategic overview for DOD (and especially USTRANSCOM) personnel, and facilitates collaboration between industry and government to assist industry in anticipating and meeting DOD’s future needs.

2. The 2019 Fall Meeting will be held at Union Station in St. Louis, MO, from 7 to 10 October 2019. This venue facilitates easy access from across the U.S. Government.

3. Given the anticipated nature of the topics and the historic levels of interchange among the spectrum of attendees at prior Fall Meetings, I believe this meeting cannot be effectively or efficiently accomplished via alternate or electronic methods (i.e., correspondence, video teleconferencing, or other web-based communications). Travel to and from the conference is necessary and remains the most cost-effective way to meet its compelling purposes.

4. Currently, the location of the annual Fall Meeting alternates between St. Louis, MO (near Scott AFB) and the National Capital Region, the two major centers of gravity for USTRANSCOM’s community of interest. Scott AFB is the home of USTRANSCOM and two of its component commands. The National Capital Region provides easy opportunity for logisticians from the Services, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Logistics Agency, and other U.S. Government agencies. The National Capital Region also enables robust participation from two USTRANSCOM component commands based in Norfolk, VA.

5. In accordance with Joint Ethics Regulation Section 3-206.b and the Deputy DOD Chief Management Officer Memorandum, Subject: DOD Conference Guidance Version 4.0, dated 26 June 2016, I make the following required determinations and conditions:
a. The subject matter of the 2019 Fall Meeting involves scientific, technical, and professional issues relevant to the DOD and USTRANSCOM mission sets;

b. The purpose of co-sponsoring the Fall Meeting is to educate and stimulate wider interest and inquiry into technical and professional issues involving DOD transportation requirements, and the event is open to interested parties;

c. NDTA is a recognized professional organization approved for this purpose in an opinion dated 6 May 2016 by the USTRANSCOM Staff Judge Advocate, a designated agency ethics official, after giving due consideration to the regulatory prohibitions against preferential treatment for any non-Federal entity;

d. A written agreement between NDTA and USTRANSCOM establishing a co-sponsorship arrangement will be developed in accordance with the requirements of the Joint Ethics Regulation, Section 3-206.b(4); and

e. No admission fee beyond what will cover the reasonable costs of sponsoring the event will be charged for attendance at the 2019 Fall Meeting.

6. In consideration of the above, I approve a co-sponsorship arrangement between USTRANSCOM and NDTA for the 2019 Fall Meeting. My staff is authorized to negotiate the required Co-Sponsorship Agreement with NDTA and to participate in planning the Fall Meeting in accordance with applicable law or regulation. I will be kept informed of all plans and costs to ensure that no prohibited conference expenses are involved, and that the conference circumstances do not create the appearance of government impropriety. I may withdraw my permission at any point if I consider it necessary.

7. I also approve attendance at the 2019 Fall Meeting for DOD military and civilian personnel if the Fall Meeting is appropriately related to the performance of their official duties and the expense of attendance is justified by their supervisor on that basis. As a DOD co-sponsored conference, the Fall Meeting is not considered an “outside event” and attendance by DOD senior leaders is not limited by DOD and Joint Staff policy.

8. I have reviewed the cost to DOD for this year’s Fall Meeting, estimated at $700,000 based on anticipated registration fees and DOD travel expenses. I determine that exceptional circumstances exist whereby the 2019 Fall Meeting remains the most cost-effective option to achieve its compelling training and information-sharing purposes, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me under DOD Conference Guidance Version 4.0, I approve a waiver from the recommended conference ceiling of $500,000 established by OMB.
9. For any questions, please contact my project officers Mr. Jonathan Svoboda, TCJ5-I, at DSN 770 1465, commercial (618) 220-1465, or by email at jonathan.l.svoboda.civ@mail.mil; and Timothy Ringdahl, TCJ5-I, at DSN 770-4126, commercial (618) 220-4126, or by email at timothy.p.ringdahl.ctr@mail.mil.

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