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FY14 Report on Conferences as
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Management and Budget
Memorandum M-12-12

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<i>Name of Conference:</i>	2014 Chiefs of Mission Conference
<i>Location</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$850,743
<i>Start Date</i>	3/10/2014
<i>End Date</i>	3/13/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The last COM Conference was held in 2012 during Secretary Clinton's term. Secretary Kerry, after a year as SecState, will gather his overseas Chiefs of Mission to communicate key goals, discuss critical challenges and ensure that his overseas team is aligned with U.S. foreign policy objectives.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	280

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Africa Bureau FY14 Budget Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Johannesburg, South Africa
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$493,396
<i>Start Date</i>	10/28/2013
<i>End Date</i>	11/1/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The Department's data quality initiatives and measurement of results start with inputs that meet defined standards. These budgeting workshops will serve to train field staff and provide them guidance and clarification on important policy and software changes designed to improve the quality of data and the Department's ability to use it to make strategic resource allocation decisions in a tight fiscal environment.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	135

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Near Eastern Affairs and South Central Affairs Joint Bureau FY14 Budget Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Bangkok, Thailand
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$363,263
<i>Start Date</i>	11/10/2013
<i>End Date</i>	11/15/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The Department's data quality initiatives and measurement of results start with inputs that meet defined standards. These budgeting workshops will serve to train field staff and provide them guidance and clarification on important policy and software changes designed to improve the quality of data and the Department's ability to use it to make strategic resource allocation decisions in a tight fiscal environment.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	103

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<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Europe and International Organizations FY14 Budget Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Warsaw, Poland
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$365,209
<i>Start Date</i>	11/4/2013
<i>End Date</i>	11/8/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The Department's data quality initiatives and measurement of results start with inputs that meet defined standards. These budgeting workshops will serve to train field staff and provide them guidance and clarification on important policy and software changes designed to improve the quality of data and the Department's ability to use it to make strategic resource allocation decisions in a tight fiscal environment.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	143

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Africa Bureau FY14 Management Officers Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Gaborone, Botswana
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$493,396
<i>Start Date</i>	3/24/2014
<i>End Date</i>	3/27/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The goals of the workshop are to bring Africa Bureau (AF) Management Officers, Department leaders, and inter-agency partners together to raise awareness of Department and AF initiatives impacting posts this year and to provide hands-on problem-solving and FSI-led leadership and career management training. AF posts are challenged with reduced management staff and resources to support expanding embassy footprints and new Department initiatives.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	80

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	East Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau FY14 Budget Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Bangkok, Thailand
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$157,866
<i>Start Date</i>	11/12/2013
<i>End Date</i>	11/15/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The Department's data quality initiatives and measurement of results start with inputs that meet defined standards. These budgeting workshops will serve to train field staff and provide them guidance and clarification on important policy and software changes designed to improve the quality of data and the Department's ability to use it to make strategic resource allocation decisions in a tight fiscal environment.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	84

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<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Western Hemisphere Affairs FY14 Budget Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Guatemala City, Guatemala
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$190,023
<i>Start Date</i>	11/18/2013
<i>End Date</i>	11/22/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The Department's data quality initiatives and measurement of results start with inputs that meet defined standards. These budgeting workshops will serve to train field staff and provide them guidance and clarification on important policy and software changes designed to improve the quality of data and the Department's ability to use it to make strategic resource allocation decisions in a tight fiscal environment.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	88

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	Western Hemisphere Affairs FY14 Management Officers Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Ft Lauderdale, FL
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$126,378
<i>Start Date</i>	2/10/2014
<i>End Date</i>	2/13/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	This workshop brings together management officers from across WHA to share innovations, learn practical management skills, and hear from Department leadership on how to operate more effectively and efficiently.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	100

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	International Organizations Monitoring and Evaluation Training Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Geneva, Switzerland
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$113,442
<i>Start Date</i>	3/31/2014
<i>End Date</i>	4/4/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	Effective monitoring of these programs will ensure USG's accountability to beneficiaries and to the American public; it is at the core of providing funding according to need. In an evolving foreign aid context, the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) is attuned to the simultaneous imperatives to provide assistance effectively, efficiently and in a sustainable manner. The workshop will be to strengthen and monitor evaluation skills which are essential to help effectively carry out PRM's responsibilities to ensure accountability and good programming of USG support to its international organization partners.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	27

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<i>Name of Conference:</i>	2014 East Asian and Pacific Affairs Regional Security Officer (RSO) Workshop
<i>Location</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$116,120
<i>Start Date</i>	8/25/2014
<i>End Date</i>	8/29/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The EAP RSO Workshop will facilitate RSOs' professional knowledge on the most current law enforcement, security, and antiterrorism trends thereby increasing their ability to provide a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. Foreign Policy.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	28

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	FY14 Africa Strategic Dialogue
<i>Location</i>	Stuttgart, Germany
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$206,145
<i>Start Date</i>	2/18/2014
<i>End Date</i>	2/20/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	This conference will enable better "one government" coordination of policy on peace and security on the African continent, and enhanced integration of Title 10 and Title 22 security assistance to advance USG interests in Africa. The participants are expected to come away with enhanced mutual understanding between AFRICOM and U.S. mission in the field; increased State Department involvement in military plans for security assistance; and development between State and DoD of common understanding of the challenges and opportunities for diplomatic and military engagement in Africa.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	55

<i>Name of Conference:</i>	8th Annual Trans Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership
<i>Location</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$112,470
<i>Start Date</i>	10/29/2013
<i>End Date</i>	10/31/2013
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	The 8th Annual Trans Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership brings together ten overseas missions as well as interagency officials to review program progress and implementation and to review the near term strategic goals and objectives. The conference is hosted by State, USAID, and DOD on a rotating basis. This year, USAID hosted but they do not have funding for State Department travel.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	30

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<i>Name of Conference:</i>	2014 Conference of the Association of Binational Centers of Latin America
<i>Location</i>	Florianopolis, Brazil
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$192,887
<i>Start Date</i>	9/23/2014
<i>End Date</i>	9/26/2014
<i>Purpose and Contribution to Mission</i>	For more than 70 years, the 125 independent Binational Centers throughout WHA have been vital partners in public diplomacy. As official American Spaces, Binational Centers engage millions of young people each year through English classes, public libraries, education advising, and cultural programs, all of which support WHA's policy priorities in the region.
<i>Total Department Funded Attendees</i>	71