

U. S. Department of State

FY15 Report on Conferences as Required by The Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-12-12

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This report fulfils the U.S. Department of State's reporting requirements pertaining to conference related expenditures contained within the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-12-12 (OMB M-12-12), issued May, 2012, for fiscal year 2015.

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Conference Name	European Union Posts Economic and Public Affairs Officers Conference
Country	Belgium
City	Brussels
Purpose	Annual Economic and Public Affairs Officer interactive training seminar.
Start Date	11/04/1014
End Date	11/7/2014
Total Costs	\$51,350.00
Total Participants	58

Conference Name	European and Eurasian Affairs Cyber Office Policy Training
Country	United Kingdom
City	London
Purpose	European and Eurasian Affairs Cyber Office Policy Training provides participants with instruction regarding the U.S. government’s efforts to advance President Obama’s International Strategy for Cyberspace in six key cyber areas .
Start Date	10/20/2014
End Date	10/23/2014
Total Costs	\$142,796.00
Total Participants	64

Conference Name	Joint Diplomatic Security European and Eurasian Affairs and South and Central Asian Affairs Regional Security Officer Mini-Workshop
Country	Germany
City	Frankfurt
Purpose	European and Eurasian Affairs / South Central Asia Regional Security Officer workshop to discuss regional specific security concerns and updated security methods.
Start Date	9/29/2015
End Date	10/1/2015
Total Costs	\$115,402.50
Total Participants	30

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Conference Name	2014 European and Eurasian Affairs Regional Security Officer Workshop
Country	United States
City	Arlington, VA
Purpose	Regional Workshop to expand and inform Regional Security Officers' professional knowledge on the most current law enforcement, security, and anti-terrorism trends , increasing their ability to provide a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.
Start Date	11/17/2014
End Date	11/21/2014
Total Costs	\$157,865.00
Total Participants	50

Conference Name	Assistant Regional Security Officer-Investigator East Asian and Pacific Affairs/South and Central Asian Affairs Regional Training Session
Country	Korea, South
City	Seoul
Purpose	Training session features case study presentations specific to Assistant Regional Security Officers and their local investigators in the East Asian and Pacific Affairs/South and Central Asian Affairs regions. Topics will include all aspects of the Assistant Regional Security Officer portfolio: investigative database training, interviewing methods, host country law enforcement training techniques, regional visa and passport fraud trends , fugitive returns, human trafficking, American Citizen Services cases, and computer investigations.
Start Date	10/21/2014
End Date	10/23/2014
Total Costs	\$267,740.00
Total Participants	83

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Conference Name	Fiscal Year 2015 Western Hemisphere Affairs Budget Workshop
Country	United States
City	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Purpose	This domestic conference includes budget workshops bringing posts together to review , Program, Consular, Public Diplomacy and other budgets, and provide a forum for essential training and discussions on new policies and procedures for domestic, regional and post-level components.
Start Date	11/18/2014
End Date	11/21/2014
Total Costs	\$187,200.00
Total Participants	86

Conference Name	Tallinn General Services Officers Workshop 2014
Country	Estonia
City	Tallinn
Purpose	The workshop advances the European and Eurasian Affairs Bureau's mission by bringing posts together to review Program, Consular, Public Diplomacy and other budgets. These forums are essential for training and discussions on new policies and procedures for a resource management function at the domestic, regional and post level.
Start Date	11/2/2014
End Date	11/7/2014
Total Costs	\$459,218.00
Total Participants	170

Conference Name	FY 2015 African Affairs Budget 2015
Country	South Africa
City	Durban
Purpose	This conference advances the Department's top resource management objectives, to create long-term savings and increased efficiency.
Start Date	10/27/2014
End Date	10/31/2014
Total Costs	\$499,320.00
Total Participants	136

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Conference Name	Near Eastern Affairs-South and Central Asian Affairs Management Officer Workshop
Country	Germany
City	Garmisch
Purpose	The conference focuses our Management Officers ongoing initiatives to increase operational efficiency, streamline operations, and ensure proper oversight and adequate internal controls at our 61 Embassies and consulates in our regions
Start Date	11/2/2014
End Date	11/7/2014
Total Costs	\$259,131.00
Total Participants	67

Conference Name	Locally Employed Staff Systems Managers Workshop
Country	South Africa
City	Durban
Purpose	Technical workshop on recent Information Technology platforms and applications for advancement of Locally Employed Staff System Managers' knowledge.
Start Date	10/20/2014
End Date	10/24/2014
Total Costs	\$182,709.00
Total Participants	55

Conference Name	African Affairs Management Officer Workshop
Country	South Africa
City	Durban
Purpose	Workshop focuses on training Management Officers on various areas - Warehousing and Inventory, Working Better with Overseas Building Operations, Best Practices for Management Officers, Internal Controls and one training day devoted to Cultivating Management Excellence.
Start Date	10/29/2014
End Date	10/31/2014
Total Costs	\$205,980.00
Total Participants	55

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Conference Name	East Asian and Pacific Affairs Human Resource Officer 2014 Workshop
Country	Philippines
City	Manila
Purpose	This workshop brings together Human Resources and Washington policy-makers to share best practices, discuss new and upcoming developments in the field of human resources and ensure consistency in the implementation of the Department's Human Resources priorities as East Asian Pacific bureau strives to meet the opportunities presented by the "rebalance to Asia" .
Start Date	2/23/2015
End Date	2/26/2015
Total Costs	\$212,094.00
Total Participants	70

Conference Name	East Asian and Pacific Affairs Joint Financial Management Officer/Management Officer Workshop
Country	Philippines
City	Manila
Purpose	This workshop will collaborate domestic based regional Security Officer personnel with post Financial Management Officers, Management Officers and Locally Employed staff to advance the Department's top resource management objectives such as shared-services consolidation, regionalization, cost containment, and financial systems upgrades.
Start Date	12/1/2014
End Date	12/5/2014
Total Costs	\$312,105.30
Total Participants	101

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Conference Name	Near Eastern Affairs-South and Central Asian Affairs Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Workshop
Country	Germany
City	Garmisch, Germany
Purpose	Conference brings posts together to review and provide training on workshop, Program, Consular, Public Diplomacy, and other budgets. A venue for the HQ to collaborate with Financial Management Officers and senior Locally Employed Staff to develop or advance new policies and procedures in resource management to help achieve the Department's mission.
Start Date	11/9/2014
End Date	11/14/2014
Total Costs	\$401,231.00
Total Participants	103

Conference Name	FY 2015 Western Hemisphere Affairs Management Officer's Conference
Country	United States
City	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Purpose	The conference provides tools and resources to the Bureau's Management Officers there by enabling them to support and provide more effective support to the diplomatic platform within Western Hemisphere Affairs Missions
Start Date	2/23/2015
End Date	2/27/2015
Total Costs	\$154,020.00
Total Participants	80

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Conference Name	FY 2014 Diplomatic Security/High Threat Program Regional Security Officer Workshop
Country	United States
City	Washington D.C.
Purpose	The workshop will afford all of the senior Regional Security Officers assigned to high threat, high risk posts an opportunity to meet with senior Diplomatic Security Managers and subject matter experts to discuss developing security concerns and strategies.
Start Date	11/16/2014
End Date	11/21/2014
Total Costs	\$153,636.00
Total Participants	33

Conference Name	Tenth Annual Refugee Admissions Workshop
Country	United States
City	Washington D.C.
Purpose	The annual Refugee Admissions Workshop allows Department of State's Population, Refugees, and Migration Office of Admissions to convene all partners involved in administering the U.S. Refugee Admissions Programs.
Start Date	12/1/2014
End Date	12/5/2014
Total Costs	\$147,661.00
Total Participants	73

Conference Name	2015 Chiefs of Mission Conference
Country	United States
City	Washington D.C.
Purpose	The Conference presents an opportunity to mobilize and coordinate the work of America's Ambassadors around the world. The conference agenda will address this critical point in time for America's global leadership, and provide a way forward.
Start Date	3/25/2015
End Date	3/27/2015
Total Costs	\$663,893.00
Total Participants	212

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Conference Name	2015 African Affairs Human Resources Officer's Workshop
Country	South Africa
City	Durban
Purpose	To educate and further Human Resource Officer awareness of Department and Africa Bureau initiatives affecting their posts this year, develop mentoring relationships, and provide Diplomatic Security-on problem-solving techniques.
Start Date	4/13/2015
End Date	4/17/2015
Total Costs	\$349,501.00
Total Participants	95