

1 agency excludes such information for reasons of na-
2 tional security) including—

3 “(A) the prepared text of any verbal pres-
4 entation made; and

5 “(B) any visual, digital, video, or audio
6 materials presented, including photographs,
7 slides, and audio-visual recordings.

8 “(2) LIMITS ON AMOUNT EXPENDED ON A CON-
9 FERENCE.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
11 subparagraph (B), an agency may not expend
12 more than \$500,000 to support a single con-
13 ference.

14 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The head of an agency
15 may waive the limitation in subparagraph (A)
16 for a specific conference after making a deter-
17 mination that the expenditure is justified as the
18 most cost-effective option to achieve a compel-
19 ling purpose. The head of an agency shall sub-
20 mit to the appropriate congressional committees
21 a report on any waiver granted under this sub-
22 paragraph, including the justification for such
23 waiver.

24 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
25 in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude

1 an agency from receiving financial support or
2 other assistance from a private entity to pay or
3 defray the costs of a conference the total cost
4 of which exceeds \$500,000.

5 “(b) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE RULE.—An
6 agency may not pay the travel expenses for more than 50
7 employees of that agency who are stationed in the United
8 States, for any international conference, unless the Sec-
9 retary of State determines that attendance for such em-
10 ployees is in the national interest.

11 “(c) REPORTING ON TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE EX-
12 PENSES REQUIRED.—At the beginning of each quarter of
13 each fiscal year, each agency shall post on the public
14 website of that agency a report on each conference for
15 which the agency paid travel expenses during the pre-
16 ceding 3 months that includes—

17 “(1) the itemized expenses paid by the agency,
18 including travel, lodging, and meal expenses, and
19 any other agency expenditures to otherwise support
20 the conference;

21 “(2) the primary sponsor of the conference;

22 “(3) the location of the conference;

23 “(4) the date of the conference;

1 “(5) a brief explanation of how the participa-
2 tion of employees from such agency at the con-
3 ference advanced the mission of the agency;

4 “(6) the title of any employee, or any individual
5 who is not a Federal employee, whose travel ex-
6 penses or other conference expenses were paid by the
7 agency;

8 “(7) the total number of individuals whose trav-
9 el expenses or other conference expenses were paid
10 by the agency; and

11 “(8) in the case of a conference for which that
12 agency was the primary sponsor, a statement that—

13 “(A) describes the cost to the agency of se-
14 lecting the specific conference venue;

15 “(B) describes why the location was se-
16 lected, including a justification for such selec-
17 tion;

18 “(C) demonstrates the cost efficiency of
19 the location;

20 “(D) provides a cost benefit analysis of
21 holding a conference rather than conducting a
22 teleconference; and

23 “(E) describes any financial support or
24 other assistance from a private entity used to
25 pay or defray the costs of the conference, and

1 for each case where such support or assistance
2 was used, the head of the agency shall include
3 a certification that there is no conflict of inter-
4 est resulting from such support or assistance.

5 “(d) FORMAT AND PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.—

6 Each report posted on the public website under subsection
7 (c) shall—

8 “(1) be in a searchable electronic format; and

9 “(2) remain on that website for at least 5 years
10 after the date of posting.

11 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the
13 meaning given that term under section 5701, but
14 does not include the government of the District of
15 Columbia.

16 “(2) CONFERENCE.—The term ‘conference’
17 means a meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, or
18 event that—

19 “(A) is held for consultation, education,
20 discussion, or training; and

21 “(B) is not held entirely at a Government
22 facility.

23 “(3) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.—The term
24 ‘international conference’ means a conference occur-

1 ring outside the United States attended by rep-
2 resentatives of—

3 “(A) the Government of the United States;

4 and

5 “(B) any foreign government, international
6 organization, or foreign nongovernmental orga-
7 nization.”.

8 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

9 The table of sections for chapter 57 of title 5, United
10 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
11 ing to section 5711 the following:

“5712. Limits and transparency for conference and travel spending.”.

12 (c) ANNUAL TRAVEL EXPENSE LIMITS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of each of fiscal
14 years 2014 through 2018, an agency (as defined
15 under section 5712(e) of title 5, United States Code,
16 as added by subsection (a)) may not make, or obli-
17 gate to make, expenditures for travel expenses, in an
18 aggregate amount greater than 70 percent of the ag-
19 gregate amount of such expenses for fiscal year
20 2010.

21 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

22 (A) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Not later than
23 September 30, 2013, and after consultation
24 with the Administrator of General Services and
25 the Director of the Administrative Office of the

1 United States Courts, the Director of the Office
2 of Management and Budget shall establish
3 guidelines for the determination of what ex-
4 penses constitute travel expenses for purposes
5 of this subsection. The guidelines shall identify
6 specific expenses, and classes of expenses, that
7 are to be treated as travel expenses.

8 (B) EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY TRAVEL.—
9 The guidelines required under subparagraph
10 (A) shall exclude military travel expenses in de-
11 termining what expenses constitute travel ex-
12 penses. Military travel expenses shall include
13 travel expenses involving military combat, the
14 training or deployment of uniformed military
15 personnel, and such other travel expenses as de-
16 termined by the Director of the Office of Man-
17 agement and Budget, in consultation with the
18 Administrator of General Services and the Di-
19 rector of the Administrative Office of the
20 United States Courts.

