

Government meetings and travel are a proven tool to help federal employees do their jobs more effectively and, in turn, support economic growth and job creation. Cutting these vital functions will only reduce federal efficiency and productivity.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND TRAVEL BOOST EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY:

- ✈ **Knowledge transfer.** Nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of private-sector executives said that having government employees present at meetings and events added value to their firms through knowledge transfer.
- ✈ **Value to citizens.** A strong majority of government supervisors (89 percent) believe that government meetings and events benefit citizens.
- ✈ **Employee development and training.** 85 percent of government respondents agreed that meetings and events added value to employee development and training.
- ✈ **Savings and efficiencies.** The savings and efficiencies of bringing the public and private sector together are lost when conference attendance is cancelled, necessitating numerous duplicate meetings at a greater net cost.



Did you know...

Strong federal travel regulations are already in place to protect against the misuse of taxpayer funds.

Employees attending government meetings and conferences spend almost 20 percent less per day, on average, than private sector meeting attendees.

Government meetings supported nearly 300,000 jobs in 2012 and generated \$32.9 billion in travel spending.

In 2013, meetings and general business travel supported 2.3 million American jobs, add nearly \$267 billion in travel spending and contributed \$42 billion in local, state and federal taxes last year.

Members of Congress should support greater oversight and transparency of federal travel spending and oppose harmful across-the-board cuts.

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