

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE**

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	DEA - Drug Enforcement Administration	JMD Tracking #:	DEA-01112
Name of Requester:	Beverly E. Humphreys	Date of Request:	4/18/2023
Component Head Certification:	Louis J. Milione	Certification Date:	4/18/2023
Component Point of Contact:	Erika Romo	POC Phone #:	(571) 776-3576

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: International Drug Enforcement Conference (IDEC) XXXVII			
Start Date:	9/19/2023	End Date:	9/21/2023
		# of Conference Days:	3
Facility Name:	Montego Bay Convention Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility
City:	St. James	State:	N/A - Outside US
		Country:	Jamaica

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Total:	438	246 *	DOJ:	246	Other Federal:	10	Other Non-Federal:	182
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* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$976,585.00		
Predominantly Internal Conference Held in Non-Federal Facility	X		
Refreshments	X		
Cost of Meals Provided at Conference			
Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services	X		X
Logistical Conference Planner			
Programmatic Conference Planner			

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is seeking approval to co-sponsor the International Drug Enforcement Conference XXXVII (IDEC XXXVII) in St. James, Jamaica. The purpose of the conference is to prioritize actions aimed at enhancing intelligence and information sharing; deny criminals access to legitimate financial systems; strengthen investigations, interdiction, and prosecutions; disrupt drug trafficking and other threats and build international capacity, cooperation and partnerships. Since its inception 37 years ago, IDEC provides the only annual global conference that brings together international drug law enforcement agency heads, attorneys general and other upper level government and interagency officials, and military leaders to synchronize collaborative enforcement efforts.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to State Dept Standard Rates.

Refreshments are being served during DEA Administrator Meetings with Executive Law Enforcement counterparts for an estimated cost of \$6,000 and will be paid for using Representation Funds.

APPROVALS

JMD Finance Staff recommends that the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration approve the conference. The conference costs exceed the threshold for Conference Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services, but are reasonable based on Component justification.

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Travel and attendance at DOJ sponsored conferences must follow the guidance in the 2023 Department of Justice COVID-19 Workforce Safety Plan, dated 1/13/2023, (Meetings, Events, and Conferences section, page 13), or any JMD COVID related guidance issued subsequent to this approval.

SIGNATURE:  05/4/2023
Jolene A. Lauria
Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration

Approve
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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	OJP - Office of Justice Programs	JMD Tracking #:	OJP-01066
Name of Requester:	Rachel Johnson	Date of Request:	9/20/2022
Component Head Certification:	Maureen Henneberg	Certification Date:	9/12/2022
Component Point of Contact:	Alisha M. Holman	POC Phone #:	(202) 616-2926

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: National Public Safety Partnership 2022 Violent Crime Reduction Summit			
Start Date: 12/12/2022	End Date: 12/14/2022	# of Conference Days: 3	
Facility Name: Hyatt Regency Tulsa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility	
City: Tulsa	State: Oklahoma	Country: United States (Continental)	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			
Total: 439	191 *	DOJ: 185	Other Federal: 0
		Other Non-Federal:	254

* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$845,812.36		
Predominantly Internal Conference Held in Non-Federal Facility			
Refreshments			
Cost of Meals Provided at Conference			
Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services	X	X	
Logistical Conference Planner	X	X	
Programmatic Conference Planner	X	X	

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

The Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is planning its sixth annual National Public Safety Partnership Symposium in December 2022. Established as a pilot program in 2017 under President Obama, the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) embodies President Biden's strategy to prevent and respond to gun crime, ensure public safety, implement proactive measures to reduce violence, and support law enforcement and community violence interventions. Administered by BJA, PSP serves as a DOJ-wide program that enables participating sites to consult with subject matter experts and receive expedited, coordinated training and technical assistance support as well as an array of resources from DOJ to enhance local public safety strategies. PSP has engaged with more than 40 sites since the program's inception, each engaging with DOJ as part of a cohort for three years.

The 2022 event will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma from December 12-14, 2022. The structured, comprehensive educational event will bring together approximately 439 attendees, including teams from 22 active PSP sites.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to GSA Standard Rates.

APPROVALS

JMD recommends that the Deputy Attorney General approve the conference. The conference costs are reasonable and within DOJ policy guidelines.

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Jolene A. Lauria
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Concurring Component:
none

DOJ attendance is approved with the caveat that travel and attendance at conferences must follow the guidance in the 2022 Department of Justice COVID-19 Workforce Safety Plan, dated 2/11/2022, (Travel and Events section, pages 11-13), or any JMD COVID related guidance issued subsequent to this approval.

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Vanita Gupta
Associate Attorney General

Concurring Component:
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Lisa O. Monaco
Deputy Attorney General

Concurring Component:
none

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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	OJP - Office of Justice Programs	JMD Tracking #:	OJP-01063
Name of Requester:	Rachel Johnson	Date of Request:	4/21/2022
Component Head Certification:	Maureen Henneberg	Certification Date:	4/14/2022
Component Point of Contact:	Rachel Johnson	POC Phone #:	202-305-2494

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: Justice for Victims of Crime - 17th National Indian Nations Conference

Start Date: 12/6/2022	End Date: 12/9/2022	# of Conference Days: 4
Facility Name: Palm Springs Conference Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility
City: Palm Springs	State: California	Country: United States (Continental)

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Total: 1500 262 *	DOJ: 50	Other Federal: 40	Other Non-Federal: 1410
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* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$749,520.01		
Predominantly Internal Conference Held in Non-Federal Facility			
Refreshments			
Cost of Meals Provided at Conference	X	X	
Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services	X		X
Logistical Conference Planner	X	X	
Programmatic Conference Planner	X	X	

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

The conference accomplishes the core mission as it extensively examines the prevention and intervention of crimes against vulnerable populations. It provides T/TA to develop programs, policies, best practices and issues plaguing IN communities.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic it is imperative to provide a virtual component to the 17th National Indian Nations Conference; hybrid events bring together the best parts of in-person and virtual events - the human connection of in-real-life and the reach and inclusivity of online. Hybrid also gives OJP greater reach. For in-person events, attendance is often limited by the ability - the resources, availability, health, etc - to travel there. By adding an online layer to a physical event, it becomes possible to both accommodate more of our potential audience and enable more of that audience to join. Hybrid expands participation and accessibility and allows for more all-encompassing events.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to GSA Standard Rates.

APPROVALS

JMD recommends that the Deputy Attorney General approve the conference. The conference costs exceed the threshold for Conference Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services, but are reasonable based on Component justification.

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Assistant Attorney General for Administration

Concurring Component:
none

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Associate Attorney General

Concurring Component:
none

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Lisa O. Monaco
Deputy Attorney General

Concurring Component:
none

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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	OJP - Office of Justice Programs	JMD Tracking #:	OJP-01070
Name of Requester:	Rachel Johnson	Date of Request:	5/17/2023
Component Head Certification:	Maureen Henneberg	Certification Date:	5/17/2023
Component Point of Contact:	Rachel Johnson	POC Phone #:	202.305.2494

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: 2023 NIJ Research Conference			
Start Date: 5/23/2023	End Date: 5/25/2023	# of Conference Days: 3	
Facility Name: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington DC - Crystal City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility	
City: Arlington	State: Virginia	Country: United States (Continental)	

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Total: 750	260 *	DOJ: 60	Other Federal: 20	Other Non-Federal: 670
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* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$748,518.30		
Predominantly Internal Conference Held in Non-Federal Facility			
Refreshments			
Cost of Meals Provided at Conference			
Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services	X		X
Logistical Conference Planner	X	X	
Programmatic Conference Planner	X	X	

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

The conference will highlight and share research, promote best practices, and information between researchers and practitioners in the field. The purpose of the conference is to convene research grantees and practitioner partners to highlight and learn from the research evidence that has been generated from NIJ's investments. The conference will have peer-to-peer learning events and significant networking opportunities for attendees. Special attention will be given to translation of research to practice. Proper implementation of research, also known as knowledge translation, helps practitioners understand all of the available options, and their respective benefits and risks, which enables them to make informed decisions about their practices and policies. We will also hold workshops on "How to apply for NIJ funding" and have designated times throughout the day to "meet with NIJ program officers" including opportunities to chat with a grant manager. We expect to have exhibits featuring NIJ and OJP resources such as NACJD, NCJRS, CrimeSolutions, and NAMUS, and showcasing forensics, technology and hardware standards, and investigative science innovations.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to GSA Standard Rates.

This conference is being resubmitted as costs increased after Acting AAG/A approved the conference on March 22, 2023 for \$449,473.28.

The increase is due to the high demand and unexpected, overwhelming support for the conference. OJP also sponsored additional graduate students to present posters at the poster session and panelists. To accommodate the additional attendees, NIJ added an overflow room for attending plenary sessions, which added to room costs and AV for a live feed. In early May, given high demand for conference attendance and the fact that the conference was at capacity, NIJ added live streaming to allow for viewing of the plenary sessions for those that could not attend the conference, as registration to attend in-person was stopped.

APPROVALS

JMD Finance Staff recommends that the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration approve the conference. The conference costs exceed the threshold for Conference Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services, but are reasonable based on Component justification.

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Jolene A. Lauria
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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	DEA - Drug Enforcement Administration	JMD Tracking #:	DEA-01110
Name of Requester:	Leslie Miele	Date of Request:	3/27/2023
Component Head Certification:	Louis J. Milione	Certification Date:	3/23/2023
Component Point of Contact:	Erika Romo	POC Phone #:	(571) 776-3576

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: Sensitive Investigative Unit (SIU) Basic Training #118			
Start Date: 7/16/2023	End Date: 8/18/2023	# of Conference Days:	34
Facility Name: Panthera Training Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility	
City: Moorefield	State: West Virginia	Country: United States (Continental)	

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Total: 55	55 *	DOJ: 15	Other Federal: 0	Other Non-Federal: 40
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* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$507,254.50		
Predominantly Internal Conference Held in Non-Federal Facility			
Refreshments			
Cost of Meals Provided at Conference			
Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services	X		X
Logistical Conference Planner			
Programmatic Conference Planner			

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

The course is a mandated component of DEA's SIU Program and for the vetting of foreign law enforcement personnel selected for participation in the SIU Program. The course is mandated and for the vetting of foreign law enforcement personnel elected for participation in the SIU Program. The SIU Program' mission is to train, equip, and support specialized units within host nation police force and to develop and share intelligence in order to target, disrupt, and prosecute major transnational criminal organization. Participants elected for the program are expected to learn critical enforcement and surveillance techniques, including interview techniques, operation planning, intelligence, and wiretap management. Several elements of the training, such as raids training, firearms, tactical training, and other physical activities, require in person participated in a controlled environment with TR oversight.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to GSA Standard Rates.

APPROVALS

JMD Finance Staff recommends that the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration approve the conference. The conference costs exceed the threshold for Conference Space, but are reasonable based on Component justification.

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