



In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum 11-35, *Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government*, issued September 21, 2011, and OMB Memorandum 12-12, *Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated May 11, 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) prepared the attached FY 2012 report on covered conference events over \$100,000. During FY 2012, VA incurred expenses of approximately \$72.7 million for the 127 conference events with net expenses of over \$100,000 that are documented on the attached spreadsheet.

Continuous workforce training and development is absolutely critical to delivering the timely, quality VA care and services our Veterans have earned and deserve. Our senior leaders across the Department are focused on transforming procedures for conference and training events to build accountability into the processes at every step. VA has improved our processes by implementing: senior-level review of proposed budgets and expenditures; reviews of our internal processes and controls; and justifications that align with our three Agency Priority Goals: (1) Improve Veteran Access to VA Benefits and Services; (2) Eliminate the Disability Claims Backlog in 2015; and (3) End Veteran Homelessness in 2015.

The report is posted at: http://www.va.gov/about_va/va_notices.asp