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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the third largest Federal agency and the largest law enforcement agency in the Federal government. The DHS workforce consists of more than 240,000 individuals including law enforcement agents, officers, active-duty military personnel, and men and women on the frontlines who put their lives at risk every day to protect our country from threats to the homeland, securing our land, air, and maritime borders, enforcing our immigration laws, and responding to natural disasters. These officers, members, and employees are stationed in every state and in more than 75 countries around the world. Training events and workshops are critical to bringing our geographically dispersed workforce together and ensuring that our personnel are fully equipped and prepared to carry out their missions.

During the course of the fiscal year, the Department hosted 30 conferences where the expense to the Department exceeded \$100,000 per event; these conferences totaled approximately \$8.17 million.

Attached is the Department's Annual Report on Conference Spending over \$100,000. You will find a listing of all hosted conferences where the cost to the Department exceeded \$100,000 per event. DHS is including all training conferences consistent with our conference policy as recommended by the Office of Inspector General. The enclosed report contains the following data points for each event—

- The total conference expenses incurred by the Department for the conference.
- The location of the conference.
- The date of the conference.
- An event description.
- An explanation of how the conference advanced the mission of DHS.
- The total number of individuals whose conference expenses were paid by DHS.