



# **DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Nonfederal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2019**

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Fiscal Year 2019 Report to Congress



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# Message from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer

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I am pleased to present the following report, “DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Nonfederal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2019,” which has been prepared by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

The report was compiled pursuant to legislative language in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83). This report covers the period from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019.

Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:



The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Chairwoman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Jon Tester  
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 447-5751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stacy Marcott". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stacy Marcott  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

# Executive Summary

In FY 2019, U.S. Customs and Border Protection sponsored two conferences at which nonfederal participants were charged a fee to attend. The two conferences were conducted at a total cost of \$620,015, and nonfederal participants were charged \$385,200. A detailed breakdown of these events is provided in the report.



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# I. Legislative Language

This report is in response to the reporting requirements set forth in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83), which states:

For fiscal year 2010 and thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security may collect fees from any non-Federal participant in a conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting conducted by the Department of Homeland Security in advance of the conference, either directly or by contract, and those fees shall be credited to the appropriation or account from which the costs of the conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting are paid and shall be available to pay the costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference or to reimburse the Department for costs incurred with respect to the conference: Provided, That in the event the total amount of fees collected with respect to a conference exceeds the actual costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference, the amount of such excess shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than January 5, 2011, providing the level of collections and a summary by agency of the purposes and levels of expenditures for the prior fiscal year, and shall report annually thereafter.

## II. Background

The enclosed report provides information on the number of DHS-sponsored conferences at which nonfederal participants were charged a fee to attend. The information was collected from DHS Components that reported conferences that they sponsored at which nonfederal participants were charged fees to offset the conference costs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported two conferences for FY 2019. For each such event, CBP provided the total amount of fees collected from nonfederal participants (and federal participants, if any), the total conference-related costs, and the amount of fees returned to the Department of Treasury (Treasury), if any (i.e., fees collected from nonfederal participants that exceeded the conference costs). This information is aggregated and incorporated into the Data Report (Section III).

### III. Data Report

#### DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Nonfederal Sources: FY 2019

<i>Sponsoring Component</i>	<i>Name of Conference</i>	<i>Conference Date</i>	<i>Fees Collected from Nonfederal Sources</i>	<i>Total Conference-Related Costs</i>	<i>Amount of Fees Returned to Treasury<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Other Fees</i>
CBP	2019 Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Conference	6/25/2019	\$203,040	\$255,547	\$0	\$0
CBP	FY 2019 Trade Symposium	7/23/2019	\$182,160	\$364,468	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$385,200</b>	<b>\$620,015</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Fees collected from nonfederal sources in excess of actual costs for individual participation are returned to Treasury. CBP collected no excess fees from its two conferences.

## Appendix: Abbreviations

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
FY	Fiscal Year
Treasury	Department of Treasury