

# **Social Security Administration**

## **Conference Information Report**

### **Fiscal Year 2022**

#### **Overview**

Our conference events are mission critical and support our goal of better serving the public by improving our business practices, adopting new technology, or training our employees. We have a strong review and approval process for all our agency-sponsored conferences and for employee attendance at other Federally sponsored and Federally hosted events. Our internal conference planning policies ensure that we reduce costs for our agency activities. We oversee, monitor, and review our conference spending to ensure that we use Federal funds efficiently and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to help minimize travel costs to preserve agency resources for other agency priorities and critical needs, we confined most of our fiscal year (FY) 2022 conference activity to the virtual environment. As a result, most of our conference expenses for FY 2022 were for training and associated speaker costs.

#### **Conferences where expenses associated with the conference exceeded \$500,000**

For FY 2022, we did not sponsor any conferences or have employees attend Federally sponsored and Federally hosted conferences where the expenses exceeded \$500,000. Therefore, we did not require approval from the Acting Commissioner for conference spending in excess of the \$500,000 limit.

#### **Conferences where expenses associated with the conference exceeded \$100,000**

For FY 2022, we did not sponsor any conferences where the expenses exceeded \$100,000. We also did not incur expenses exceeding \$100,000 for employee attendance at other Federally sponsored and Federally hosted conferences.

Our Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has its own conference review and approval process. OIG confirmed it did not hold any events over \$100,000 in FY 2022.