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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: ACTING ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
for Administration

SUBJECT: Modification to OJP-01034: 2017 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation

PURPOSE: To obtain the Acting Deputy Attorney General's approval for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) 2017 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation

TIMETABLE: As soon as practicable.

SYNOPSIS: The 2017 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation conference is scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 6 through June 8, 2017. This is an OJP-sponsored event that reaches an audience of over 2,200 attendees throughout federal, State, local and tribal law enforcement, as well as a broad array of private professionals who work in the fields of child-protection, internet and web forensics, sex offender investigations, etc. It is DOJ's largest training and coordination commitment to preventing, detecting, and prosecuting child exploitation crimes.

Department components were originally approved to send 177 DOJ attendees as part of the overall attendance of 2,200+. In late March, the Acting National Coordinator for Child Exploitation in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General requested to increase the DOJ attendance at the event in order to maximize Departmental benefit to prosecutors and agents who work to prevent and prosecute crimes against children. Further, given the expected attendance at the event by the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, the event provides a singular opportunity to reach an expanded DOJ audience regarding leadership's effort to prevent such crimes.

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Accordingly, after review by JMD, we recommend the DOJ's attendance be expanded to up to a total of 300 employees, an increase of 123 participants. The Acting National Coordinator for Child Exploitation will work with components to allocate the additional attendance among our law enforcement offices. The additional cost is approximately \$216,000, borne by participating components. JMD has worked to offset the increased cost by limiting attendance at other similar events later in the year. OJP's overall costs to produce the conference will not change because of the additional attendance.

In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum, M-12-12, Promoting Efficient to Support Agency Operations, dated May 11, 2012, an agency shall not incur net expenses greater than \$500,000 from its own funds on a single conference without approval by the agency head or delegate.

RECOMMENDATION: JMD recommends that the Acting Deputy Attorney General approve the additional DOJ attendance at the conference by signing the accompanying conference approval form.

Attachment

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

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Component:	OJP - Office of Justice Programs	JMD Tracking #:	OJP-01034
Name of Requester:	Leigh Benda	Date of Request:	11/28/2016
Component Head Certification:	Karol Mason	Certification Date:	11/23/2016
Component Point of Contact:	Alisha Holman	POC Phone #:	202-616-2926

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Title: 2017 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation			
Start Date: 6/6/2017	End Date: 6/8/2017	# of Conference Days: 3	
Facility Name: Sheraton Atlanta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility	
City: Atlanta	State: Georgia	Country: United States (Continental)	

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Total: 2223	335 *	DOJ: 300	Other Federal: 200	Other Non-Federal: 1723
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* Travel costs paid for by DOJ

REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL	Requested	Within Threshold	Exceeds Threshold
Total Conference Cost	\$930,045.94		
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 **

** Amount is within the per person threshold, but exceeds the overall policy cap.

COMPONENT PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION FOR APPROVAL

This national training event is a grant deliverable for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program Support grant funding that Fox Valley Technical College has been awarded. Additionally, the training provided by this event increases public safety through the education of the law enforcement (LE) community, leading to better prevention of crime and more successful prosecution of those guilty of committing technology-facilitated crimes against children.

This Conference will provide much needed training for LE (state, local, federal, international) and prosecutors who work in the Child Exploitation field (crimes associated with the Internet, portable devices, abuse, etc.). Many law enforcement agencies are able to send agents to just one training event per year due to limited travel funds. By offering lecture sessions and hands-on computer training, combined with the opportunity to network with over a thousand LE professionals with no registration fee for eligible participants, it allows smaller agencies to train more individuals. Speakers are active practitioners and the curriculum includes content for all attendees, including investigative, forensic and legal training. The information presented is critical to achieving successful outcomes of both proactive and reactive cases. With this training, law enforcement officers will be more effective at protecting the children of America.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES / INSTRUCTIONS

All travel costs are limited to GSA Standard Rates.

Costs exceed threshold caps, however they are within the per person policy cap and have a large number of attendees at the conference.

Conference is being resubmitted to obtain approval for an additional 123 DOJ attendees, now totaling 300. Additional cost is for their travel.

APPROVALS

JMD recommends that the Acting Deputy Attorney General approve the waiver to conduct the conference. The conference costs exceed the threshold for Space and Audio-visual Equipment and Services, Logistical Planner, and Programmatic Planner, but are considered reasonable based on the size of the conference and Component justification.

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Concurring Component:
none

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Concurring Component:
none

- Approve
- Disapprove