**DOT Sponsored Conferences Over $100K**

**Fiscal Year 2013**

**Name of Event Location Dates Brief Explanation of How the Conference Enhanced the**

**Agency's Mission**

**Total Number of Individuals Whose Travel Expenses Were Paid by the Agency**

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| **FTA 15th Biennial State Programs Meeting** | Washington, DC | August 7-9, 2013 | This annual conference, sponsored in 2013 by FTA, gathers together individuals who manage FTA’s state- administered programs to discuss issues related to these programs. It has historically attracted attendance by nearly every state. The state programs meeting provides an opportunity for FTA to provide technical assistance, training and program guidance to State DOT managers of FTA’s formula programs. | 32 | $112,077 |
| **NHTSA 23rd International Technical Conference on the Enhanced Safety of Vehicles** | Seoul, Korea | May 27-30,  2013 | This annual conference, sponsored by NHTSA in 2013, focused on key automotive safety topics to educate participants on the latest vehicle safety advancement through  formal technical presentations and vendor exhibitions. A  bilateral planning committee was convened to develop the  technical agenda, select and invite speakers and  discussants, and provide safety demonstrations. A video was recorded for future technical reference and the proceedings have been made available to the public. | 9 | $198,063 |

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| **FHWA Annual Fall Business Meeting** | Silver Spring, MD | September 18-19  2013 | This annual meeting, sponsored by FHWA in 2013, ensures that FHWA leaders gather to discuss Agency priorities, policies, and processes. FHWA’s Administrator and Deputy Administrator provide strategic direction to the organizational leaders. Significant national highway issues such as risk-based stewardship and oversight, fiscal accountability and future legislative direction for the $40 billion annual Federal-aid program were discussed. | 136 | $120,271 |
| **FRA Discipline Specific Training Session I** | Detroit, MI | September 9-13, 2013 | The purpose of this event was to provide inspector training on new regulations timed to regulatory actions and enforcement deadlines. Guidance, knowledge and enforcement guidelines were provided, thus sustaining a culture of safety while leveraging technical advances, which results in a better trained workforce, a more consistent approach to enforcement and continuous safety improvement. A recent OIG report highlighted the need to increase technical training for the inspectors who are geographically dispersed around the country and generally perform their mission with a great deal of autonomy. | 265 | $377,641 |
| **FRA Discipline Specific Training Session II** | Detroit, MI | September 16-20  2013 | The purpose of this event was to provide inspector training on new regulations timed to regulatory actions and enforcement deadlines. Guidance, knowledge and enforcement guidelines were provided, thus sustaining a culture of safety while leveraging technical advances, which results in a better trained workforce, a more consistent approach to enforcement and continuous safety improvement. A recent OIG report highlighted the need to increase technical training for the inspectors who are geographically dispersed around the country and generally perform their mission with a great deal of autonomy. | 254 | $393,018 |
| **City Logistics Research: A Trans-Atlantic Perspective, EU-US Transportation Research Symposium** | Washington, DC | May 30-31, 2013 | This symposium focused on the transport of goods in urban areas and disseminating information on international RD&T activities underway in the U.S. and Europe. DOT contracted with the National Academy of Sciences to coordinate the activities of the planning committee and to execute the logistics of the symposium. The event created multiple opportunities for collaboration on transportation-related research between U.S. and European researchers and resulted in the identification of many knowledge gaps and created a synergy for research collaboration in the future. | 5 | $106,092 |