Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances

§ 301–73.105 What are the consequences of an employee not using the E-Gov Travel Service or the TMS?

If an employee does not use the ETS (when available) or your agency’s designated TMS, he/she is responsible for any additional costs (see § 301–50.5 of this chapter) resulting from the failure to use the ETS or your TMS. In addition, you may take appropriate disciplinary actions.

Note to § 301–73.105: The ETS fulfills the basic services of a TMS. You have the option to use the contracted travel agent service(s) of your choice through ETS or other contract vehicles. You have the responsibility to ensure that agency-contracted-for travel agent services complement and support the ETS in an efficient and cost effective manner. (See § 301–73.2).

§ 301–73.106 What are the basic services that should be covered by a TMS?

The TMS must, at a minimum—

(a) Include a Travel Management Center (TMC), commercial ticket office (CTO), an in-house system, an electronically available system, or other method(s) of arranging travel, which has the ability to provide the following as appropriate to the agency’s travel needs:

(1) Booking and fulfillment of common carrier arrangements (e.g., flight confirmation and seat assignment, compliance with the Fly America Act, Governmentwide travel policies, contract city-pair fares, electronic ticketing, ticket delivery, etc.).

(2) Lodging information (e.g., room availability, reservations and confirmation, compliance with the Hotel/Motel Fire Safety Act, availability of FedRooms properties, per diem rate availability, etc.).

(3) Car rental and rail information (e.g., availability of Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) Government agreement rates where applicable, confirmation of reservations, etc.).

(b) Provide basic management information, such as—

(1) Number of reservations by type of service (common carrier, lodging, and car rental); (2) Extent to which reservations are in compliance with policy and reasons for exceptions; (3) Origin and destination points of common carrier usage; (4) Destination points for lodging accommodations; (5) Number of lodging nights in approved accommodations; (6) City or location where car rentals are obtained; and

(7) Other tasks, e.g., reconciliation of charges on centrally billed accounts and processing ticket refunds.

Subpart C—Contract Passenger Transportation Services

§ 301–73.200 Must we require our employees to use GSA’s contract passenger transportation services program?

Yes, if such services are available to your agency.

§ 301–73.201 What method of payment may be used for contract passenger transportation service?

GSA individual Government contractor-issued travel charge card(s), or your agency centrally billed or other established account, or a GTR (when no other option is available or feasible).

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§ 301–73.202 Can contract fares be used for personal travel?

No.