

## SUBCHAPTER A—EMPLOYEE'S ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT FROM A NON-FEDERAL SOURCE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

### PART 304-1—AUTHORITY

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304-1.1 To whom do the pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants refer throughout this part?

304-1.2 Under what authority may I accept payment of travel expenses from a non-Federal source?

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 1353 and 5 U.S.C. 5707.

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#### **§ 304-1.1 To whom do the pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants refer throughout this part?**

Use of pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants throughout this part refers to the employee.

#### **§ 304-1.2 Under what authority may I accept payment of travel expenses from a non-Federal source?**

Under the authority of this part and 31 U.S.C. 1353, you may accept payment of travel expenses from a non-Federal source on behalf of your agency, but not on behalf of yourself, when specifically authorized to do so by your agency and only for official travel to a meeting. Except as provided in § 304-3.13 of this subchapter, your agency must approve acceptance of such payments in advance of your travel.

### PART 304-2—DEFINITIONS

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 5707; 31 U.S.C. 1353.

#### **§ 304-2.1 What definitions apply to this chapter?**

The following definitions apply to this chapter:

*Employee* means an appointed officer or employee of an executive agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105, including a special Government employee as defined in 18 U.S.C. 202, or an expert or consultant appointed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109.

*Meeting(s) or similar functions (meeting)* means a conference, seminar, speaking engagement, symposium, training course, or similar event that

takes place away from the employee's official station. “Meeting” as defined in this chapter does not include a meeting or other event required to carry out an agency's statutory or regulatory functions such as investigations, inspections, audits, site visits, negotiations or litigation. “Meeting” also does not include promotional vendor training or other meetings held for the primary purpose of marketing the non-Federal sources products or services, or long term TDY or training travel. A meeting need not be widely attended for purposes of this definition and includes but is not limited to the following:

(1) An event where the employee will participate as a speaker or panel participant focusing on the employee's official duties or on the policies, programs or operations of the agency.

(2) A conference, convention, seminar, symposium or similar event where the primary purpose is to receive training other than promotional vendor training, or to present or exchange substantive information of mutual interest to a number of parties.

(3) An event where the employee will receive an award or honorary degree, which is in recognition of meritorious public service that is related to the employee's official duties, and which may be accepted by the employee consistent with the applicable standards of conduct regulations.

*Non-Federal source* means any person or entity other than the Government of the United States. The term includes any individual, private or commercial entity, nonprofit organization or association, international or multinational organization (irrespective of whether an agency holds membership in the organization or association), or foreign, State or local government (including the government of the District of Columbia).

*Payment* means a monetary payment from a non-Federal source to a Federal agency for travel, subsistence, related expenses by check or other monetary instrument payable to the Federal