

## SUBCHAPTER C—ARRANGING FOR TRAVEL SERVICES, PAYING TRAVEL EXPENSES, AND CLAIMING REIMBURSEMENT

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#### **§301–50.1 To whom do the pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants throughout this part refer?**

In this part, the pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants refer to the employee.

#### **§301–50.2 How must I arrange my travel?**

You must arrange your travel as designated by your agency and in accordance with this part.

#### **§301–50.3 Must I use the ETS or TMS to arrange my travel?**

Yes, if you are an employee of an agency as defined in §301–1.1 of this chapter, you must use the E-Gov Travel Service when your agency makes it available to you. Until then, you must use your agency’s existing Travel Management Service (TMS) to make your travel arrangements. If you are an employee of the Department of Defense (DoD) or of the Government of the District of Columbia, you must arrange your travel in accordance with your agency’s TMS. Your agency may grant an exception to required use of TMS/

ETS under §301–50.4, §301–73.102, or §301–73.104 of this chapter.

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#### **§301–50.4 May I be granted an exception to the required use of TMS or ETS once my agency has fully deployed ETS?**

Yes, your agency head or their designee may grant an individual case exception to required use of your agency’s current TMS or to required use of ETS once your agency has fully deployed ETS, but only when your travel meets one of the following conditions:

(a) Such use would result in an unreasonable burden on mission accomplishment (e.g., emergency travel is involved and TMS/ETS is not accessible; you are performing invitational travel; or you have special needs or require disability accommodations under part 301–13 of this chapter).

(b) Such use would compromise a national security interest.

(c) Such use might endanger your life (e.g., you are traveling under the Federal witness protection program, or you are a threatened law enforcement/investigative officer traveling under part 301–31 of this chapter).

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#### **§301–50.5 What is my liability if I do not use my agency’s TMS or the E-Gov Travel Service, and an exception has not been approved?**

If you do not have an approved exception under §301–50.4 or §301–73.104 of this chapter, you are responsible for any additional costs resulting from the failure to use the TMS or E-Gov Travel Service, including service fees, cancellation penalties, or other additional costs (e.g., higher fares, rental car charges, or hotel rates). In addition,