



**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

DATE OF REQUEST: 01/18/12  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1  
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Veterans Services  
 NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: Emilio De Los Santos

**EVENT INFORMATION**

TITLE OF EVENT: 14TH Annual Veterans Summit  
 EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 01/31/12 TO: 02/01/12  
 DEPARTURE DATE: 01/30/12 RETURN DATE: 02/01/12  
 LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: Austin STATE: TX

**PURPOSE OF TRAVEL**

- Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.
- To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
  - To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
  - To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
  - To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
  - To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
  - To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County
  - To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County
  - To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
  - To promote the economic development interests of the County.
  - To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County (Commissioners' Court approval is attached).

**JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE**

Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

Submit to meet eliyh federal and stae legislatures and staff to discuss the topics of vetera owned business and property tax exemptions amongst other topics.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	ESTIMATED EXPENSES	(DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE	MODE OF TRAVEL (Place an "X" by applicable mode of travel)
1. REGISTRATION FEE(S)	\$ -		AIRFARE* _____
Subtotal for Object Code 584	\$ -	\$	BUS** _____
2. AIRFARE- ROUNDTRIP COACH FARE ONLY	\$ -		Rental Car** _____
3. TAXI FARE	\$ -		County Vehicle** _____
4. BUS FARE	\$ -		Private Vehicle** <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. RENTAL CAR	\$ -		OTHER** (Specify) _____
6. GASOLINE/DIESEL/FUEL	\$ 377.63		* If traveling by airplane, the traveler should consider purchasing a refundable fare if possibility of a cancellation exists.
7. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -		
8. TELEPHONE CALLS	\$ -		** If mode of travel includes bus, rental car, county vehicle, private vehicle, or other form of transportation, a comparison of the savings that will be achieved by not choosing to travel by airplane must be provided with supporting documentation.
9. PARKING	\$ -		
10. LODGING	\$ 113.85		
11. MEALS	\$ 51.00		
12. OTHER EXPENSES	\$ -		
Subtotal for Object Code 583	\$ 542.48		
13. TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$ 542.48	\$	

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:

NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)**

- I certify that:
- Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
  - Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
  - Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.

If this trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.

APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature] DATE: 01/19/12 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: NANASA RYO PHONE NO.: 318-2436

**FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:**

TRAVEL IS **APPROVED** for the individuals listed below:  
 TRAVEL IS **NOT APPROVED** for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVED**  
 OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES  
 ON: 1/20/12 BY: [Signature]

**emilio.delossantos**

**From:** Crowne Plaza [CrownePlaza@reservations.ihg.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2012 1:59 PM  
**To:** EMILIO.DELOSSANTOS@CO.HIDALGO.TX.US  
**Subject:** Your Updated Reservation Confirmation at Crowne Plaza - Confirmation # 60373416

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## We've Updated Your Reservation

Your New Confirmation Number is 60373416.

Thanks for contacting us about your reservation. We've made the changes you requested and we're looking forward to your stay. If there's anything else we can do for you, please let us know.



### Reservation and Hotel Details

**Guest Name:** EMILIO DELOSSANTOS  
**Number of Rooms:** 1  
**Room Type:** 1 KING BED STANDARD NONSMOKING  
**Rate Type:** Tx Veterans Comm - 2  
**Number of Guests:** 1 adult(s)  
**Check-In:** Tue 31 Jan 2012 03:00 PM  
**Check-Out:** Wed 1 Feb 2012 12:00 PM  
**Rate Description:** Tx Veterans Comm - 2  
**Smoking Preference:** Nonsmoking  
**Cancellation Policy:** Canceling your reservation before 6:00 PM (local hotel time) on Saturday, 28 January, 2012 will result in no charge. Canceling your reservation after 6:00 PM (local hotel time) on 28 January, 2012, or failing to show, will result in a charge of 1 night per room to your credit card. Taxes may apply. Failing to call or show before check-out time after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation.

**AUSTIN**  
 6121 NORTH IH 35  
 AUSTIN, TX 78752  
 Front Desk: 1-512-3235466

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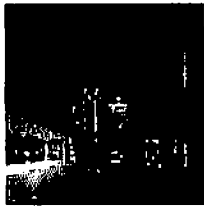
## Local Information

Learn about things to see and do near your hotel.

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Room Rate Per Night: Tue 31 Jan 2012 - Wed 1 Feb 2012 \$99.00 (USD)  
 1 room(s)  
 Tax: \$14.85 (USD)  
 Estimated Total Price: \$113.85 (USD)

[View Cancellation Policy and Complete Room & Rate Details](#)

### Driving Directions to Your Hotel

HWY 71 E TO HWY 183 N. 183 N TO HWY 290 E. FROM HWY 290 EAST GO TO IH 35 NORTH. HOTEL IS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

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## E-Vets Newsletter January 11, 2012

### 14th Annual Veterans Summit will be held in Austin from January 31-February 1

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The Texas Veterans Commission 14th Annual Veterans Summit will be held at the Crowne Plaza Austin at 6121 Interstate Highway 35 North from January 31 - February 1, 2012.

There are many changes to the format of this year's Summit. After the opening session, the Exhibit Hall will open. The Exhibit Hall will feature groups that help Veterans and the opportunity to share what they do to help Texas Veterans and their families with those in attendance and to find new ways to work together.

Breakout sessions will feature several different tracks for attendees.

The legislative track will feature state and federal legislators and staff. There will also be issues panels that will explore the topics of veteran-owned businesses and property tax exemptions for Veterans and their families.

The service track will include breakouts across a number of different topic areas: membership, housing, claims, employment, education, mental health, and Veterans' history.

The grant track will feature a grant capacity workshop that will be taught by the San Antonio Area Foundation.

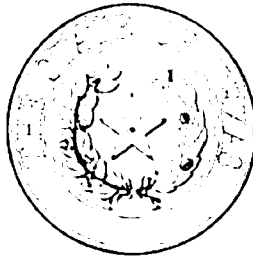
The Texas Coalition of Veteran Services Organizations will meet Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is working to secure sponsorship for a reception that evening.

The conference will continue on Wednesday morning, February 1, 2012, with additional breakouts.

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Colonel, US Army (Retired)  
Executive Director

## **TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION**

January 4, 2012

Dear Veteran Advocate,

On behalf of the Texas Veterans Commission, I would like to invite you to attend the 14th Annual Veterans Summit, which will be held from January 31 - February 1, 2012, in Austin, Texas, at the Crowne Plaza Austin at 6121 Interstate Highway 35 North.

We are excited about changes we have made to the format for this year's Summit:

- We will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, with an opening session that will offer insights from our elected officials and others who advocate on behalf of Texas Veterans and their families.
- After the opening session, the Exhibit Hall will open. The Exhibit Hall will provide an opportunity for organizations to display how they support Texas Veterans and their families.
- After the Exhibit Hall opening, we will start breakout sessions that will feature several different "tracks" for attendees.
  - o The Legislative Track will feature state and federal legislators and staff. There will also be panels that will explore the topics of veteran-owned businesses and property tax exemptions for Veterans and their families.
  - o The Service Track will include breakouts across a number of different topic areas: membership, housing, claims, employment, education, mental health, and Veterans' history.
  - o The Grant Track will feature a grant capacity workshop that will be taught by the San Antonio Area Foundation.
- The Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations will meet Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is working to secure sponsorship for a reception that evening.
- The Summit will continue at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 1, 2012, with additional breakout sessions.
- The Summit will conclude with a closing session from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., which will feature a keynote speaker.

There is no cost to attend the Summit, but you do need to register online to attend. Go to [www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us) and click on the "Summit Registration" link, which is featured at the top of the page and under "Quick Links" on the right side of the page. You can also request a table for the Exhibit Hall when you register. All registrations are requested no later than January 23, 2012.

If your attendance at the Summit will require a hotel stay, the Crowne Plaza Austin has set aside a block of rooms at a rate of \$99 per night. When making your reservations, please identify yourself as part of the "Texas Veterans Commission Summit" in order to secure this group rate. Reservations may be made by calling the Crowne Plaza Austin at (512) 323-5466. The deadline for reservations is January 16, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

We hope that your schedule will allow you to join us. We also hope that you will tell others that serve Veterans and their families about the Summit and encourage them to attend as there is much to be gained from our collective work and experience.

Sincerely,



**THOMAS P. PALLADINO**  
Executive Director

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