



HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Health & Human Services
DATE OF REQUEST: 08/21/12
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 3
NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: Jose Gonzles, Ruben Hernandez, and Elizardo Ramos

EVENT INFORMATION
TITLE OF EVENT: TEHA 67th Annual Educational Conference
EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 10/08/12 TO: 10/12/12
DEPARTURE DATE: 10/08/12 RETURN DATE: 10/12/12
LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: Austin STATE: Texas

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.

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.
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Table with 4 columns: SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES, ESTIMATED EXPENSES, (DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE, and MODE OF TRAVEL. Rows include Registration Fee, Airfare, Taxi, Bus, Rental Car, Gasoline, Mileage, Telephone, Parking, Lodging, Meals, and Other Expenses.

14. IF HIDALGO COUNTY IS NOT FUNDING ANY OR PART OF THIS TRIP, INDICATE BELOW THE EXPENSE TYPE & SOURCE OF PAYMENT:
Hotel will be paid by the Litaker Group
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:
X Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
X 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.
X 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: 9-10-12 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: PHONE NO.:

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): Veronica Ortiz DATE: 9/10/12 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] PHONE NO.: 292-7025
DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD: