



HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

DATE OF REQUEST: 12/25/12
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 1

DEPARTMENT NAME: Hidalgo County Extension Service
NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S): Barbara Storz, CEA-Horticulture

EVENT INFORMATION

TITLE OF EVENT: 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference
EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 01/07/13 TO: 01/10/13
DEPARTURE DATE: 01/07/13 RETURN DATE: 01/10/13
LOCATION OF EVENT: CITY: College Station 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 (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.

Table with 4 columns: SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES, ESTIMATED EXPENSES, (DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE, MODE OF TRAVEL. Includes rows for registration fees, airfare, taxi, bus, rental car, gasoline, mileage, phone calls, 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:
Barbara will be traveling together with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension District 12 Administrator, Dr. Ruben Sotolongo. He will be traveling in a state vehicle.

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.
X Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD (PRINT NAME): Barbara C. Storz DATE: 1/3/2013 DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: Noalinda Cruz PHONE NO.: 383-1026

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): Vernica Ortiz DATE: 1/4/12 REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] PHONE NO.: 292-7025
DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature]

Nora Cruz

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607 TEXAS AVE
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840
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RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

Confirmation#: 0539212273
BARBARA STORZ
331 HOLLYWOOD DR
EDINBURG, TX 785396117

Arrival Date: 1/7/2013
Departure Date: 1/10/2013
Number of Nights: 3
RoomType Reserved: KP- KING WITH MICROFRIDGE

Adults/Children 1/0
Method of Guarantee: ... 7360

Total Estimated Stay: \$228.85

Rate Detail: **Room Charges:** \$199.00
Taxes: \$29.85

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