In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum 11-35, *Eliminating Excess Conference Spending and Promoting Efficiency in Government*, issued September 21, 2011, OMB Memorandum 12-12, *Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated May 11, 2012, and OMB Memorandum 17-08, *Amending OMB Memorandum M-12-12, Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations*, dated November 25, 2016; the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has fifteen covered conference events with net expenses in excess of $100,000 to report during FY 2022.

Continuous workforce training and development is critical to delivering the timely, quality VA care and services our Veterans have earned and deserve. Our senior leaders across the Department are focused on maintaining procedures for conference and training events that build accountability at every step. VA has improved our procedures by implementing senior-level review of proposed budgets and expenditures, reviewing internal processes and controls, and maintaining strict oversight of all reportable conference expenses.

The report is posted at: http://www.va.gov/about_va/va_notices.asp

Veterans Affairs FY2022 Annual OMB Report on Conferences in excess of $100,000

Title	Total Costs	Location	Start Date	End Date	# VA Paid Travelers	Conference Description
Human Capital Services Training Symposium July 2022	$ 479,494	KANSAS CITY, MO	07/11/2022	07/15/2022	290	This training provided communication and training opportunities for Human Capital Services (HCS) employees to increase their ability to improve the employee and customer experience.
BrAIn Summit (Brain Health & Rehabilitation through Artificial Intelligence Network Summit)	$ 469,378	Washington, DC	09/07/2022	09/09/2022	330	Created connections between VA/Industry/Academia and increased awareness of current and potential applications of Artificial Intelliggence (AI) within healthcare and disseminated best practices for AI.
National Blind Rehab Service Conference	$ 306,943	Washington, DC	08/23/2022	08/25/2022	200	The conference will improve the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) service capability by enhancing skills among staff and reinforcing the value of knowledge application through in-person cooperation among colleagues.
Veterans Business Administration (VBA) Senior Leaders Symposium - September 2022	$ 297,120	HOUSTON, TX	09/19/2022	09/23/2022	120	Reviewed Under Secretrary for Benefits' (USB) top three priorities, 1) Provide Veterans with the benefits they have earned in a manner that honors their service, 2) Ensure strong fiscal stewardship entrusted to us by the taxpayers, 3) Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
76th Annual VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) Meeting & Conference	$ 241,212	Denver, CO	04/27/2022	04/29/2022	126	The reason to host this program is because it is required by Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) policy to host an annual meeting of this body. The organization supports 46,000 plus who serve in the VA. 50% of which are represented by these partner organizations.
SECVA Leadership Seminar	$ 229,791	Washington, DC	05/12/2022	05/14/2022	100	The seminar prepared future leaders for the challenges of a 21st Century VA. They learned fundamental competencies and concepts for innovation, collaboration and change management.
Veterans Health Administration (VHA) National Center for Patient Saftey (NCPS) Patient Safety Colloquium	$ 217,490	Salt Lake City, UT	09/27/2022	09/29/2022	119	Improve the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) service capability by enhancing understanding among staff and reinforcing the value of team facilitations through in-person cooperation among colleagues.
RS: Improving Access to Mental Health Residential Treatment (MH RRTP) National Conference FY22	$ 216,175	Minneapolis, MN	09/20/2022	09/22/2022	145	This conference is responsive to agency goals related to access and wait times as well as congressional stakeholder expectations and expectations as defined by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
APRIL 2022 Veterans Business Administration Senior Leaders Symposium	$ 210,853	DALLAS, TX	04/04/2022	04/08/2022	97	To discuss the FY22 & FY23 Secretaries' three priorities: 1. Provide veterans the benefits they deserve & honor their service. 2. Ensure strong fiscal stewardship with money entrusted by taxpayers. 3. Foster a culture of collaboration.
Veteran Justice Programs Regional Training Conference - WEST	$ 186,103	Albuquerque, NM	09/20/2022	09/22/2022	132	The conference will increase training of staff & sustain skills & deployemnt of services pertaining to clients' complex pyschological needs. Second, to gain understanding in developing methods & opportunities to cange operational practices thru knowledge applications. Third, to promote operational awareness among stakeholder & within theVeterans Health Administration (VHA).
FY 22 Veterans Justice Programs Regional Training Conferences	$ 146,514	Orlando, FL	09/13/2022	09/15/2022	116	The program will address a gap identified in a 2021 Government Accountability Office (GAO) review that encouraged the Veterans Justice Organization (VJO) to increase training to staff.
RS: Improving Access to Mental Health Residential Treatment Program (MH RRTP) National Conference FY22	$ 139,736	Atlanta, GA	08/23/2022	08/25/2022	135	This conference is responsive to agency goals related to access and wait times as well as congressional stakeholder expectations and expectations as defined by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.
Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) VA Quality Scholars Summer Institute Conference (FY22) Aug 9-11, 2022	$ 137,383	Houston, TX	08/09/2022	08/11/2022	92	The conference is a critical element in the national curriculum to enable trainees to initiate and accomplish Veteran-centered projects.
FY22 Prevention and Management of Disruptive Behavior (PMDB) Trainer Recalibration Conference	$ 110,027	Salt Lake City, UT	08/22/2022	08/25/2022	64	The recalibration conference assesses trainers for drift from correct technique, recalibrates all technical performances in both use of techniques and training of techniques, and deployment of methods & opportunities to change operational practices thru fitted informamtion.
FY22 Readjustment Couseling Services (RCS) Governance and Strategic Planning Meeting	$ 104,762	Dallas, TX	08/23/2022	08/25/2022	68	The meeting will improve the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) service capability by enhancing strategies among staff and reinforcing the value of performance engineering through in-person cooperation among colleagues.