

**U.S. OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS  
2008 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS CONFERENCE**

**“TRANSITION”**

The 16th National Government Ethics Conference is being held September 16 through 19, 2008, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The theme this year is “Transition,” which emphasizes the need for adaptive change under a new administration.

**REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS NOW OPEN!** Each agency's Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) has been provided a specific number of registration slots for his/her agency. Each DAEO has also received instructions on designating and registering his/her approved attendees. Registration for the conference will be done on-line. **If you are interested in attending this year's conference, please contact your agency's DAEO.** Registration for this event closes **July 18, 2008.**

**New Ethics Official Conference**

The New Ethics Official Conference will begin at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 16, and will offer a full day of training designed for ethics officials who are new to the executive branch ethics program. Registration for this event will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Please keep in mind that attendance at this conference does not guarantee attendance at the National Government Ethics Conference: You will have to register for the National Government Ethics Conference separately. If you are interested in attending the New Ethics Official Conference, please contact your agency's DAEO.

**National Government Ethics Conference**

The National Government Ethics Conference program will begin at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, September 17, and will end at noon on Friday, September 19. The conference will offer five unique tracks to create a comprehensive understanding of the issues that ethics officials face during a time of transition. Those tracks are “Entering the Government,” “While Serving in Government,” “Leaving the Government,” “Timeless Topics,” and “How to Reach Them Whether they are Coming, Going, or Staying.” There will also be a series of workshops, providing ethics officials with practical, hands-on experience. In these tracks and workshops, presentations will be delivered by top ethics officials on subjects such as divestitures and insider trading, advanced financial disclosure issues, working with contractors, seeking employment, book deals, building a case for e-filing financial disclosure reports, making ethics training fun, effective initial ethics orientation, model practices in ethics programs and effective ethics agreements and screening arrangements.

Each DAEO is encouraged to include regional ethics officials, Inspectors General staff and others with ethics-related duties in the block of attendees. Only DAEO-approved

attendees can attend the conference. If you are interested in attending the National Government Ethics Conference, please contact your agency's DAEO.

### **Conference Fee**

The cost for the New Ethics Official Conference is \$200 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and a networking reception. The cost for the National Government Ethics Conference is \$600, and includes three breakfast buffets, two lunch buffets and a networking reception.

**Payment for the conference fee must be made with a Government issued Purchase Card. DO NOT USE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED TRAVEL CARD.** The Government issued travel card can be used to pay for airline tickets, hotel accommodations, etc., not conference fee payments. The conference fee payment will be processed in July. Only those attendees whose payments are successfully processed will receive final confirmation for attending the conference. **No refunds will be given once an attendee's conference fee payment is processed.**

### **Hotel Information**

The conference is being held at the **Rosen Centre Hotel** in Orlando, Florida. **The block of rooms held for the approved conference attendees is open.** The hotel is offering rooms at the Government per diem rate of \$99. In addition to the dates of the conference, the Government per diem rate is available three days before and three days after the conference. To reserve a room, please call the hotel's reservation department at 1-800-204-7234 and specify that you are attending the 16th National Government Ethics Conference.

**The cutoff date for receiving the \$99 rate is 5:00 PM, August 15, 2008.**

At the time of booking, a credit card guarantee of one night's room and tax deposit is required. Any reservation not guaranteed 14 days after booking will be cancelled without notice. Deposits are fully refundable if the reservation is cancelled 5 days prior to the scheduled arrival date.

**Please note: Federal Government Employees claiming tax exemption must present a copy of their Government travel orders to the Rosen Centre Hotel front desk staff and pay with their Government issued credit card.**

Additional information will be posted on this site as it becomes available.