

## DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2023

May 30, 2024 Fiscal Year 2023 Report to Congress



Office of the Chief Financial Officer

#### Message from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer

May 30, 2024

I am pleased to present the following report, "DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Participants in DHS Conferences: FY 2023," which has been prepared by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

The report was compiled pursuant to legislative language in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83). This report covers the period from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:



The Honorable Mark Amodei Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Lauren Underwood Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chris Murphy Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Katie Britt Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 557-0507.

Sincerely,

STACY A MARCOTT

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#### **Executive Summary**

In FY 2023, U.S. Customs and Border Protection sponsored one conference at which non-Federal participants were charged a fee to attend. The conference was conducted at a total cost of \$587,332, and non-Federal participants were charged \$378,584.



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#### I. Legislative Language

This report is in response to the reporting requirements set forth in Section 554 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-83), which states:

For fiscal year 2010 and thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security may collect fees from any non-Federal participant in a conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting conducted by the Department of Homeland Security in advance of the conference, either directly or by contract, and those fees shall be credited to the appropriation or account from which the costs of the conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting are paid and shall be available to pay the costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference or to reimburse the Department for costs incurred with respect to the conference: Provided, That in the event the total amount of fees collected with respect to a conference exceeds the actual costs of the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the conference, the amount of such excess shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than January 5, 2011, providing the level of collections and a summary by agency of the purposes and levels of expenditures for the prior fiscal year, and shall report annually thereafter.

#### II. Background

This report provides information on the number of DHS-sponsored conferences at which non-Federal participants were charged a fee to attend. The information was collected from DHS Components that reported conferences that they sponsored at which non-Federal participants were charged fees to offset the conference costs. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported one conference for FY 2023. For such event, CBP provided the total amount of fees collected from non-Federal participants, the total conference-related costs, and the amount of fees returned to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), if any (i.e., fees collected from non-Federal participants that exceeded the conference costs). This information is aggregated and incorporated into the Data Report (Section III).

#### III. Data Report

#### DHS Collection of Conference Fees from Non-Federal Sources: FY 2023

			Fees Collected	Total	Amount of	
Sponsoring	Name of		from Non-	Conference-	Fees Returned	
Component	Conference	Conference Date	Federal Sources	Related Costs	to Treasury <sup>1</sup>	Other Fees
	2023 Trade					
	Facilitation Cargo					
CBP	Security Summit	4/17/2023-4/20/2023	\$378,584	\$587,332	\$0	N/A
Total			\$378,584	\$587,332	\$0	\$0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fees collected from non-Federal sources in excess of actual costs for individual participation are returned to Treasury. CBP collected no excess fees from the conference.

### Appendix: Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
FY	Fiscal Year
Treasury	Department of the Treasury