

## **TRAVEL POLICY – QUICK REFERENCE FOR SUBCONTRACTORS**

The Contractor furnishes this guidance solely as an aid for subcontractors. It is not be used to override subcontractor's federally compliant internal procedures related to travel expenses. In the event of any inconsistency between the guide and your internal procedures, please contact the Contractor for clarification before undertaking travel.

INTRODUCTION	AUTHORIZATION OF TRAVEL	BOOKING TRAVEL	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY
• Definition and Context:	• Preauthorization Requirements:	<ul> <li>Limited Allowability: Internet-</li> </ul>	
Subcontractor travel costs are	Travel shall be pre-authorized	based Third Party Travel Sites –	Basic Requirements:
incurred for purposes of the	internally by Subcontractor (Not	Only 3rd party travel sites may be	<ul> <li>Information such as date and</li> </ul>
subcontract and may include	Contractor). This travel	used for airfare travel when full	location of the expenses,
per diem or other travel	authorization by Subcontractor	details are provided within the	
expenses.	employee should include the a)	supporting receipt. If appropriate	<ul> <li>Itemized detailed receipts, i.e.</li> </ul>
- Regulation and Oversight	specific purpose, b) itinerary,	details are not included, the	vendor name, date, time, cost and
<ul> <li>Regulation and Oversight: These costs shall be</li> </ul>	and c) estimated costs.	subcontractor risks the airfare not	method of payment,
reimbursed in accordance with	Required Details in	be an allowable expense.	• purpose of subcontractor business
your Federal Government	Documentation: All invoiced	<ul> <li>Allowable Lodging: For travelers</li> </ul>	travel,
compliant internal procedures,	travel costs must be supported	performing under the Subcontract,	
the Subcontract, and as	with a detailed expense report,	lodging in Los Alamos County,	<ul> <li>name of individual, title, and</li> </ul>
otherwise described herein. To		Santa Fe County, or Rio Arriba	relationship to the subcontract,
the extent of the Federal	appropriate manager (of	County are each considered local	and
Travel Regulations (FTR)	Subcontractor). Receipts, as	lodging. Lodging and M&IE will be	Details of airfare, rental cars, and
applying to the expense of	required by the Subcontractor's	paid according to the county where	
travel costs in the performance		traveler obtains lodging.	described below
of the Subcontract, N3B shall	travel procedures (approved by		
serve as the Issuing Agency.	N3B), must be attached to the	• A first source to check for the best	Airfare Cost Requirements:
	supporting expense report.	lodging rates is	Commercial flights are to be
	Adequate travel receipts; for	https://www.fedrooms.com/home	booked by the most direct route
	example, include airfare	<u>.html</u> .	and reimbursement will be limited to the lowest available fare; the
	(including any baggage fees),		latter defined as the least
	lodging, car rental, registration		expensive non-refundable fare
	fees, parking and any additional		with a maximum of one stop,
	expenses \$75 or above. For		based on the business location
	companies that pay meals and		and business itinerary.
	incidental expenses (M&IE)		
	based on a flat daily per diem,		Use of Rental Cars: Traveler must
	no receipts are required. If		use the least expensive compact
	meals are paid based on		car available, unless an exception

	actuals, receipts are needed for every meal. Any unusual expense or expense needing more detail must be included as a note within the expense report; an example, is local mileage. A note should be included describing the need for the local milage, the to and from addresses, and an attached map supporting the mileage.		for another class of vehicle is pre- approved (such as evidence that a different-classed vehicle has an equivalent cost, a medical condition of the traveler, inclement weather, transport of government-owned material, additional passengers, etc.). Normally, only one vehicle will be authorized for each three-person team traveling to the same location at the same time. Reimbursement will not be made for prepaid fuel plans nor purchase of collision damage waiver (CDW), theft insurance, or any optional add-ons.
<ul> <li>LODGING EXCEPTIONS</li> <li>Some valid lodging exceptions are provided which would require additional advance approval from the STR or N3B Project Manager (PM).</li> <li>When no lodging accommodations are available within the federal rate for that location.</li> <li>When lodging accommodations within the federal rate for that location.</li> <li>When lodging accommodations within the federal rates cannot be obtained without jeopardizing the Traveler's safety and security.</li> <li>When lodging is at a prearranged location such as a hotel where a meeting, conference or training session is held or when a sponsor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LODGING EXCEPTIONS (CONT) determines the lodging.</li> <li>When lodging costs have escalated because of special events (e.g., Balloon Fiesta, Super Bowl).</li> <li>When lodging within the federal rates cannot be obtained nearby and costs to commute consume most or all of the savings achieved from occupying less expensive lodging; and</li> <li>The maximum amount that may be reimbursed under these exceptions is up to 300 percent of the Federal Lodging Allowance for the lodging location. Documentation must be included with the Traveler's</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LODGING EXCEPTIONS (CONT) expense report indicating the reason for lodging above the FTR rate for reimbursement (i.e. three other hotel quoted rates)</li> <li>Enroute Lodging Exceptions: Business needs or unusual flight delays may require a Traveler to spend a night enroute to and/or from the business location. Per Diem expenses in Albuquerque are allowable due to an early morning departure, late arrival, or other extenuating circumstances. In the interest of the Traveler's safety and security, the general guideline for allowable per diem expenses in Albuquerque include:</li> <li>Flight departure before 9:00 am or Flight arrival after 9:00 pm.</li> </ul>	LODGING WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES In lieu of commercial lodging: Reimbursement is limited to the Meals and Incidental Expense (M&IE) allowance. NON-COMMERCIAL LODGING Reimbursement for non-commercial lodging when commercial lodging is not available is described. Such lodging includes college dormitories or similar facilities or rooms not offered commercially but are made available to the public by area residents. AVOIDING DOUBLE REIMBURSEMENT Individuals reimbursed for travel or relocation expenses must notify cognizant Program Manager if reimbursement is also provided to any other person for the same expense.

MEALS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSE (M&IE)

- Definition and Context: M&IE is intended to substantially cover expenses for meals, tips, and fees for personal services, etc., but not more than the FTR Maximum Per Diem Allowances.
- M&IE Allowances:

Travel Duration/Distance	M&IE Reimbursement	
Less than 12 hours	Not reimbursable	
Less than 50 miles	Not reimbursable	
More than 12 hours but less than 24 hours	75% of applicable M&IE allowance	
24 hours or more (Day of departure)	75% of the M&IE allowance for the business	
	location	
24 hours or more (Business days, not on a	100% of the M&IE allowance for the business	
travel day)	location	
24 hours or more (Day of return)	75% of the M&IE allowance for the business	
	location	

Note: Deductions for Provided Meals: A meal must be deducted from the M&IE allowance when it is provided in certain circumstances, like when included in a conference registration fee (a free continental breakfast is exempt from having to deduct the meal allowance).

## **EXTENDED BUSINESS TRAVEL (EBT): OVER 30 DAYS**

- A traveler on EBT may be authorized by STR or PM for up to one return trip every month to their permanent duty station.
- M&IE during EBT: Costs for the first thirty days of EBT and the last thirty days of the assignment will be reimbursed at 100% of the GSA rate for the assignment location. Remaining days will be reduced to 55% of the GSA rate. (See table below)
- Summary of Allowable Adjusted Per Diem Amounts for EBT:

EBT Adjusted Per Diem Amounts Travel Duration	Daily Rate for Lodging	Daily Rate for M&IE
Up to the 1 <sup>st</sup> 30 days	Up to 100% of lodging per diem rate based on receipts	100% of M&IE per diem rate
31st to 60th day	Up to 100% of lodging per diem rate based on receipts	55% of M&IE per diem rate
61st day	Up to 55% of lodging per diem rate based on receipts	55% of M&IE per diem rate
Last 30 days of assignment	Up to 100% of lodging per diem rate based on receipts	100% of M&IE per diem rate