

## Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances

## § 301-70.704

### **§ 301-70.602 How often must we reevaluate the payment of transportation and subsistence expenses to a threatened law enforcement/investigative employee?**

You must reevaluate the situation every 30 days based on the same factors you considered when you first authorized the payment of the expenses.

## **Subpart H—Policies and Procedures Relating to Mandatory Use of the Government Contractor-Issued Travel Charge Card for Official Travel**

SOURCE: FTR Amdt. 90, 65 FR 3056, Jan. 19, 2000, unless otherwise noted.

### **§ 301-70.700 Must our employees use a Government contractor-issued travel charge card for official travel expenses?**

Yes, your employees must use a Government contractor-issued travel charge card for official travel expenses unless:

- (a) A vendor does not accept the travel charge card;
- (b) The Administrator of General Services has granted an exemption. (see § 301-70.704); or
- (c) Your agency head or his/her designee has granted an exemption.

### **§ 301-70.701 Who has the authority to grant exemptions to mandatory use of Government contractor-issued travel charge card for official travel?**

(a) The Administrator of General Services will exempt any payment, person, type or class of payments, or type or class of personnel in any case in which—

(1) It is in the best interest of the United States to do so;

(2) Payment through a travel charge card is impractical or imposes unreasonable burdens or costs on Federal employees or Federal agencies; or

(3) The Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security (for the Coast Guard) requests an exemption for the members of their uniformed services.

(b) The head of a Federal agency or his/her designee(s) may exempt any payment, person, type or class of pay-

ments, or type or class of agency personnel if the exemption is determined to be necessary in the interest of the agency.

[FTR Amdt. 70, 63 FR 15971, Apr. 1, 1998, as amended by; FTR Amdt. 2007-05, 72 FR 61539, Oct. 31, 2007]

### **§ 301-70.702 Must we notify the Administrator of General Services when we grant an exemption?**

Yes, you must notify the Administrator of General Services (Attention: MTT), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, in writing within 30 days after granting the exemption, stating the reasons for the exemption.

### **§ 301-70.703 If we grant an exemption, does that prevent the employee from using the card on a voluntary basis?**

No, an exemption from use would not prevent the employee from using the Government contractor-issued travel charge card for official travel expenses on a voluntary basis in accordance with your policies.

### **§ 301-70.704 What expenses and/or classes of employees are exempt from the mandatory use of the Government contractor-issued travel charge card?**

The Administrator of General Services exempts the following from the mandatory use of the Government contractor-issued travel charge card:

(a) Expenses incurred at a vendor that does not accept the Government contractor-issued travel charge card;

(b) Laundry/dry cleaning;

(c) Parking;

(d) Transit system at a TDY location;

(e) Taxi;

(f) Tips;

(g) Meals (only when use of the card is impractical, *i.e.*, group meals or the Government contractor-issued travel charge card is not accepted);

(h) Phone calls (when a Government calling card is available for use in accordance with agency policy);

(i) An employee who has an application pending for the travel charge card;

(j) Individuals traveling on invitational travel; and

(k) New appointees.