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Sandia's Conference Management Event Tracker Application



Event Tracker

- Delivered in Feb 2014, web-based application developed for managing Sandia personnel's attendance at events (conferences, meetings, seminars, etc.)
- 8,233 Requests to attend 2,845 Events (Feb2014 to Mar2015)
- Problems we needed to solve:
 - Ensure compliance with DOE's stringent conference reporting and approval requirements
 - Transparency of event attendance details to management
 - Continue Sandia's engagement in the important exchange of information and collaboration that occur in scientific and professional conferences
 - Reduce the chaos

Project Background

- Technology: Custom developed Java application
- Database: Oracle
- Methodology: Agile development (Scrum) methodology
- Team Members: (*~3.5 FTE effort*)
 - 4 SW Developers
 - 1 QA Tester
 - 1 Project Manager
 - 1 Product Owner
 - Multiple Management/Stakeholders

Key Terms/Acronyms

- **Event Tracker (ET)**
- **Conference Management (CM)** *~3 individuals*

The team in Treasury and Travel responsible for aligning Sandia's CM process with DOE requirements. CM provides policy, process, and infrastructure support for Sandia.
- **Conference Portfolio Owner (CPO)** *~34 individuals*

The individual responsible for the oversight and management of Events within a given technical area, called a Conference Category. Other related/supporting roles:

 - Deputy CPO *~20 individuals*
 - Event Owner (EO) *~81 individuals*
 - Authorized Viewer *~24 individuals*
- **iPortal**

DOE's complex-wide Conference Management system. Requests must be entered by CM into iPortal before they can be approved. The data from iPortal (event title, DOE estimate, sponsor, etc.) is uploaded into ET nightly.

Key Terms/Acronyms - con't

- **DOE Estimate**

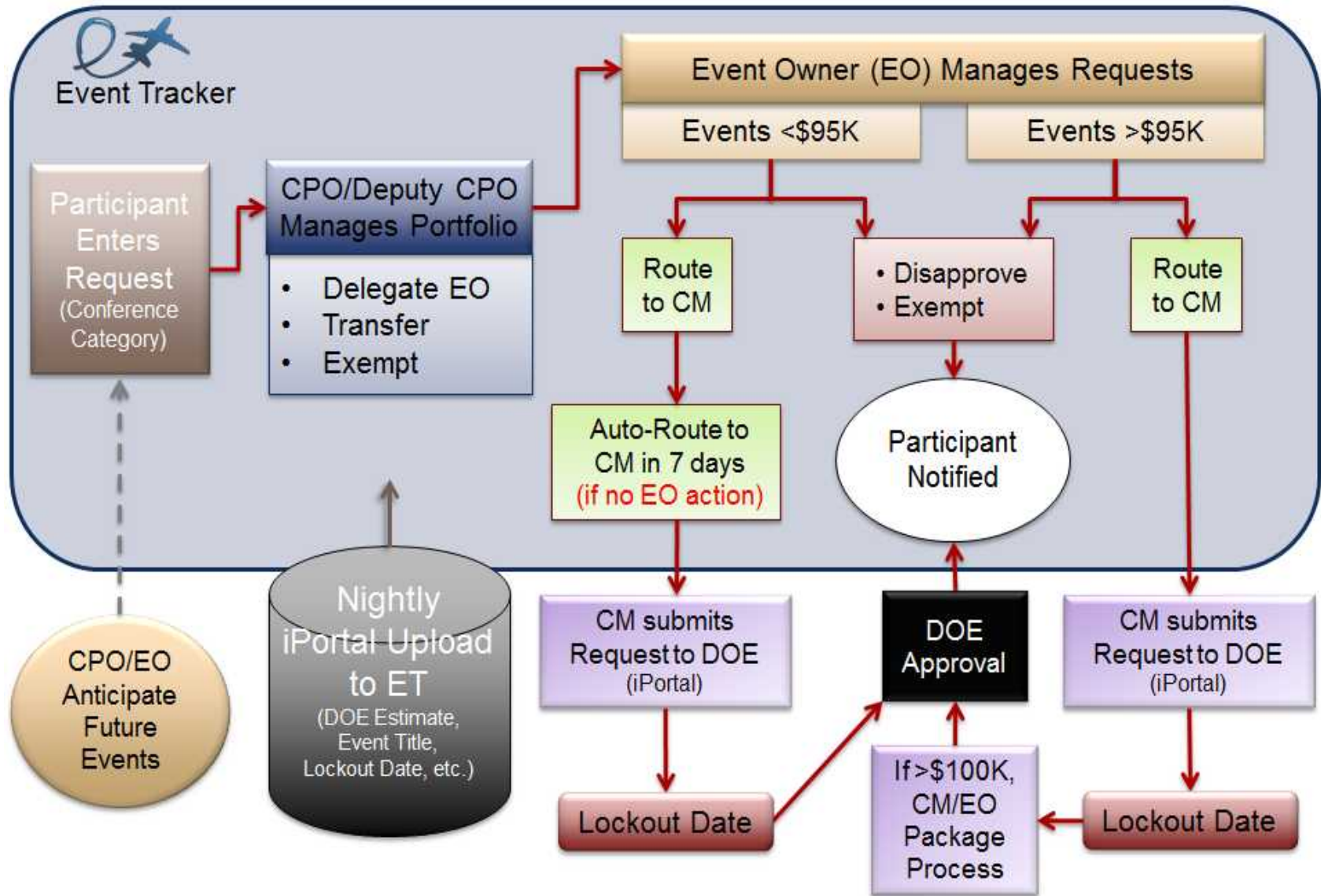
The total estimated cost for an Event across all DOE sites. If the **DOE Estimate** is greater than \$100,000, attendance to the event is limited and more rigorous approval process is required, called the **Package Process**.

- **Lockout Date**

Established by DOE and comes from iPortal. For events over \$100K, the **Package Process** begins after this date. For events less than \$100K, approval can be sent to participants after this date.

- Participants submit a **REQUEST** to attend an **EVENT**.

Process Flow





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Welcome to Event Tracker, Judy!

- ▶ Do I need to submit a Request to attend an event?
- ▶ When should I enter my Request?
- ▶ What is the status of my Request?

Start

Submit a Request or Search for Events



WARNING: Costs incurred prior to receiving approval notification from Conference Management for non-exempt events will not be reimbursed by Sandia.

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Upcoming Events for Judy [View all](#)

	Request ID	Event Title	Status	Event Start	City
View	24082	Oracle Open World 2015	Submitted	10/25/2015	San Francisco
View	24080	Pink16 - IT Service Management Conference	Submitted	02/14/2016	Las Vegas

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries

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Search Events

Search Events

To submit a request, first search for the event, then click the Request Attendance button.

Can't find your event? [Create a new event.](#)

Search by Event Title, Start Date, and/or Location

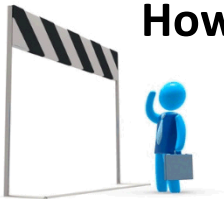
Less is more! Search by a few keywords, rather than the entire Event Title:

Event Title

Start Date

Location

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How can we help users FIND the event & reduce duplicate events?

- Search by Event Title, Start Date and Location
- Prevent 'create a new event' until user has searched first, reducing duplicate events



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Search by Event Title, Start Date, and/or Location

Less is more! Search by a few keywords, rather than the entire Event Title:

Search Returned 4 active events.

Event Title	Start Date	Location		
Oracle Database 12c: Performance Management and Tuning	03/16/2015	Chicago, IL, USA	View Details	Request Attendance
Oracle Open World 2015	09/27/2015	San Francisco, CA, USA	View Details	Request Attendance
Oracle World: Human Capital Management (HCM)	03/25/2015	Washington DC, DC, USA	View Details	Request Attendance
Star and Planet Formation in the Southwest SPF1	03/23/2015	Oracle, AZ, USA	View Details	Request Attendance

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View Details

Event Details

Title: Oracle Open World 2015

Date: 10/25/2015 - 10/29/2015


Location: San Francisco, CA, USA

Type:

Status: Approved

URL: <https://www.oracle.com/openworld/index.html>

Conference Category: Information Technology

Event Owner: 

*NOTICE: If approved to attend this event, you will be notified after **06/26/2015**. This date is set by DOE and subject to change. If DOE limits attendance, additional processing time will be required.*

Number of active requests: 7

Organization	Request(s)
09542	2
09546	5

Manager Report

Request Attendance


Close



Manage user expectations about timeframe for approval

- Include Lockout Date and note in Event Details pop-up
- Repeat Lockout Date note in email notification

Request Attendance



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Event Details


* Event Title:
378 characters remaining


* Event Start Date: 


* Event End Date: 

* Event Location:

Event URL: 
957 characters remaining

* Event Type: 

* Conference Category: 


Sandia Hosted: ☐ Yes ☒ No 


New Request


To select a different event attendee, start typing a last name below and select it from the dropdown list. Once you select 'Next' or 'Save', you will be unable to change the attendee of the request.

* Participant:

* Primary Role:

Early Registration Date: 

* Travel Start Date: 

* Travel End Date: 

* Attendance Justification:
2000 characters remaining

Cost Estimate



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Cost Estimate for "Oracle Open World 2015"

Accurate cost estimates are a DOE requirement and help maximize the number of people Sandia can authorize for event participation.

Note: Only enter estimated costs associated with this specific event request.

Transportation

	Total 4-day Estimate
Airline Ticket	<input type="text"/>
Pers. Car Mileage (Rate: 0.56)	<input type="text"/>
Rental Car, Gas, Tolls	<input type="text"/>
Parking	<input type="text"/>
Taxi, Shuttle, Metro, Bus	<input type="text"/>

Cost Estimate Links

[GSA Per Diem Rates](#)

[SWABIZ](#)


[BCD Travel](#)

[Treasury and Travel](#)

Meals and Lodging [Click here for Per Diem rates.](#)

	Total 4-day Estimate
Meals	<input type="text"/>
Lodging and Lodging Tax	<input type="text"/>

Other

	Total 4-day Estimate
Tuition and Event Registration	<input type="text"/>
Supporting Costs 	<input type="text"/>
Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

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Review



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Review Request for "Oracle Open World 2015"

Please review the details for your request and confirm everything is correct before submitting.

Participant: [John Williams](#)

Event Title: Oracle Open World 2015

Event Dates: 10/25/2015 - 10/29/2015

Event Location: San Francisco, CA, USA

Event URL: <https://www.oracle.com/openworld/index.html>

Event Type: Conference

Conference Category: Information Technology

Sandia Hosted?: N

Primary Role: Attendee

Early Registration Date:

Travel Dates: 10/25/2015 - 10/28/2015

Attendance Justification: Test

Estimated Travel Costs: \$1,025.00

Estimated Registration Costs: \$1,200.00

Estimated Supporting Costs: \$0.00

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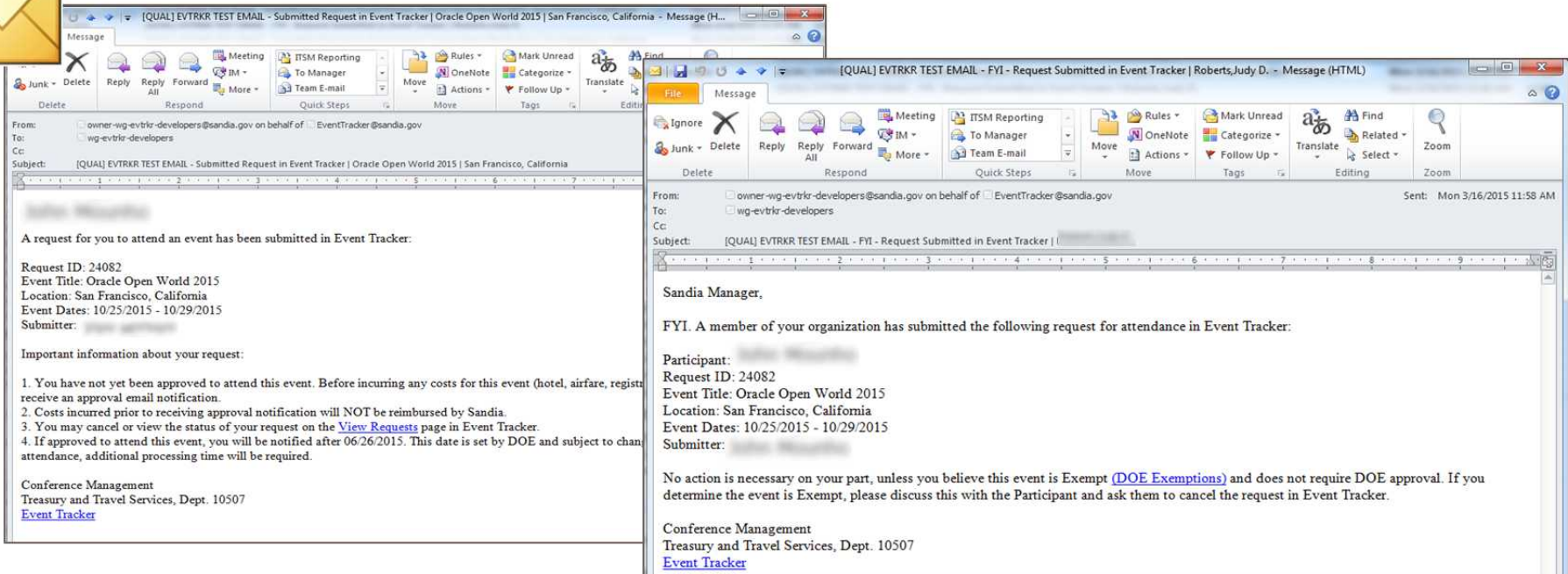
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WARNING: Costs incurred prior to receiving approval notification from Conference Management for non-exempt events will not be reimbursed by Sandia.

Your request has been successfully submitted to Conference Management.

Request number is: 24082

You will receive an email confirmation shortly. Click [here](#) to view all of your requests.



From: [owner-wg-evtrkr-developers@sandia.gov](#) on behalf of [EventTracker@sandia.gov](#)
To: [wg-evtrkr-developers](#)
Cc:
Subject: [QUAL] EVTRKR TEST EMAIL - Submitted Request in Event Tracker | Oracle Open World 2015 | San Francisco, California

A request for you to attend an event has been submitted in Event Tracker:

Request ID: 24082
Event Title: Oracle Open World 2015
Location: San Francisco, California
Event Dates: 10/25/2015 - 10/29/2015
Submitter: [REDACTED]

Important information about your request:

1. You have not yet been approved to attend this event. Before incurring any costs for this event (hotel, airfare, registration, etc.), you must receive an approval email notification.
2. Costs incurred prior to receiving approval notification will NOT be reimbursed by Sandia.
3. You may cancel or view the status of your request on the [View Requests](#) page in Event Tracker.
4. If approved to attend this event, you will be notified after 06/26/2015. This date is set by DOE and subject to change. If attendance, additional processing time will be required.

Conference Management
Treasury and Travel Services, Dept. 10507
[Event Tracker](#)

From: [owner-wg-evtrkr-developers@sandia.gov](#) on behalf of [EventTracker@sandia.gov](#)
To: [wg-evtrkr-developers](#)
Cc:
Subject: [QUAL] EVTRKR TEST EMAIL - FYI - Request Submitted in Event Tracker | Roberts, Judy D. - Message (HTML)

Sandia Manager,

FYI. A member of your organization has submitted the following request for attendance in Event Tracker:

Participant:
Request ID: 24082
Event Title: Oracle Open World 2015
Location: San Francisco, California
Event Dates: 10/25/2015 - 10/29/2015
Submitter: [REDACTED]

No action is necessary on your part, unless you believe this event is Exempt ([DOE Exemptions](#)) and does not require DOE approval. If you determine the event is Exempt, please discuss this with the Participant and ask them to cancel the request in Event Tracker.

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Conference Portfolio Owner

S&T - Materials Science & Engineering

Deputy CPO: *Unassigned*[Edit](#) [Remove](#)10 items selected. [Delegate](#) [Remove Delegate](#)

Authorize access to view this page:

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- DOE Estimate Greater than \$85K
- DOE Estimate Greater than \$100K
- Sandia-led Package
- Event Has New Requests

There are currently 41 active events. Show entries[First](#) [Previous](#) [1](#) [Next](#) [Last](#)

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Actions	Conference Category	Event Owner Delegation	DOE ID	Event Title	Event Start Date	Lockout Date	DOE Estimate	SNL Estimate	Requests	Event Status	Event City
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		14728	Materials Research Society (MRS) Spring Meeting and Exhibit	04/06/2015	12/17/2014	\$1,384,150	\$35,809	20 *	Approved	San Francisco
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		14726	The Mineral, Metals and Materials Society (TMS) Annual Meeting and Exhibition	03/15/2015	09/16/2014	\$913,805	\$61,911	19	Event Open	Orlando
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		14549	Health Physics Society (HPS) Annual Meeting	07/12/2015	03/02/2015	\$497,550	\$5,300	2 *	Event Open	Indianapolis
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		20377	2016 American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Meeting	11/13/2016	07/17/2016	\$249,700	\$2,530	1 *	Event Open	San Francisco
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		23430	MultiMat 2015	09/07/2015	02/14/2015	\$236,905	\$6,550	1	Event Open	Wurzburg
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		21586	International High Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference (IHLRWM) 2015	04/13/2015	02/11/2015	\$196,705	\$15,045	6	Event Open	Charleston
	S&T - Materials Science & Engineering		21099	Corrosion 2015	03/15/2015	12/15/2014	\$98,378	\$2,610	1	Event Open	Dallas
	S&T - Materials		14731	Pacific Rim Conference on Ceramic and Glass Technology	08/30/2015	04/01/2015	\$90,750	\$5,497	1	Event Open	JeJu Island

Cultural shift for CPO



- Supporting roles - **Deputy CPO** and **Authorized Viewer**
- Events with highest DOE Estimate appear on top of grid
- Red asterisk indicates Events with actionable requests
- Email notifications for action items



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Manage Requests for: Test Event for NLIT Demo

Event Details

Conference Category:

CPO:

Deputy:

Event Owner:

DOE ID:

Sponsor:

14726

The Mineral, Metals and Materials Society (TMS)

Lockout Date:

09/16/2014

Start Date:

03/15/2015

End Date:

03/19/2015

Location:

Orlando, FL, USA

URL:

Event Status:

Event Open

Event Type:

Conference

Sandia Hosted:

N

Sandia-led Package:

N

Co-Sponsorship:

Y

Co-Sponsorship Total:

\$5,000

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Cost Estimates

Type	Cost	Requests
SNL Estimate *	\$66,911	19
Authorized	\$6,465	2
In Process	\$55,446	17
Co-Sponsorship	\$5,000	
DOE Estimate	\$913,805	306

* Does not include Cancelled, Disapproved, or Exempt requests.

Attachments

Filename	Description
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[Add Attachment](#)

Event Owner Notes

4000 characters remaining

[Save EO Notes](#)

There are currently 20 active requests.

Filter Request ID	Filter iPor	Filter Submitted Da	Filter Attendee Name	Filter Org	Filter Manager Name	Filter Cost	Filter Cost	Filter Cost	Filter Cost		
Request ID	Request Status	In iPortal	Submitted Date	Participant	Org	Manager	Role	Cost Estimate	Travel \$	Registration \$	Support \$
21485	Pending	N	07/13/2014		01851		Speaker / Presenter	\$2,732	\$1,932	\$800	\$0
21585	Pending	N	07/17/2014		06233		Speaker / Presenter	\$2,980	\$2,480	\$500	\$0
21677	Pending	N	07/22/2014				SME Technical Discussion	\$2,800	\$2,000	\$800	\$0
21041	Pending	N	06/19/2014				Speaker / Presenter	\$2,611	\$1,811	\$800	\$0
21900	Pending	N	10/24/2014				Attendee	\$3,174	\$2,219	\$955	\$0
21143	Pending	N	06/24/2014				Speaker / Presenter	\$3,660	\$2,960	\$700	\$0
21104	Pending	N	06/23/2014				Organizer / Support	\$3,680	\$3,085	\$595	\$0
21735	Pending	N	07/24/2014				Speaker / Presenter	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$0
22748	Pending	N	09/15/2014				Speaker / Presenter	\$3,270	\$2,470	\$800	\$0
22749	Pending	N	09/15/2014		01814		Speaker / Presenter	\$3,300	\$2,500	\$800	\$0
21244	Pending	N	07/01/2014		08341		Speaker / Presenter	\$3,260	\$2,460	\$800	\$0



iPortal Upload



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Upload CSV Files

45 new event(s) have been added

Possible Matches

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iPortal Title	Mark as the Same Event	Event Tracker Title
INFORMS Annual Meeting Nov 1, 2015 - Nov 4, 2015 Philadelphia, PA, US DoE Event Id: 28884	<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMS Annual Meeting 2015 Nov 1, 2015 - Nov 4, 2015 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA http://meetings2.informs.org/wordpress/philadelphia/
69th National Conference of Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals Jun 24, 2015 - Jun 27, 2015 Chicago, IL, US DoE Event Id: 28843	<input type="checkbox"/>	69th National Conference of Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals Jun 24, 2015 - Jun 27, 2015 Chicago, Illinois, USA http://conference.governanceprofessionals.org/home

[Reconcile Events](#)

Possible Duplicate Events

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iPortal Title	Event Tracker Title
No data available in table	

Duplicate Events

Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries

iPortal Title	Event Tracker Title
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Manager Report



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Manager Org Report: 09542

View Another Organization's Requests:

Start typing an org number (ie 095), select it from the dropdown list, and click View.

View

Reset

There are currently 4 open requests for your org. Show entries

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File	File	Filter Manager	Filter Participant		Filter Titles	Filter Categories	Filter Event Own	Filter City	Filter	Filter Cc		Filter Ci	Filter Cost	Filter Cc	Filter Dat
ID	Org	Mgr	Participant	Request Status	Event Title	Conference Category	Event Owner	City	State	Country	Role	Travel	Registration	Support	Event Start Date
24084	09542	Chen, Robert D	Chen, Robert D	Submitted	Oracle Open World 2015	Information Technology	Chen, Robert D	San Francisco	CA	USA	Attendee	\$880	\$1,200	\$0	10/25/2015
24082	09542	Roberts, Judy D	Roberts, Judy D	Submitted	Oracle Open World 2015	Information Technology	Roberts, Judy D	San Francisco	CA	USA	Attendee	\$1,025	\$1,200	\$0	10/25/2015
24080	09542	Roberts, Judy D	Roberts, Judy D	Submitted	Pink15 - IT Service Management Conference	Information Technology	Roberts, Judy D	Las Vegas	NV	USA	Attendee	\$1,245	\$11,995	\$0	02/14/2016
24083	09542	Roberts, Michael K	Roberts, Michael K	Submitted	Pink15 - IT Service Management Conference	Information Technology	Roberts, Michael K	Las Vegas	NV	USA	Speaker / Presenter	\$890	\$1,200	\$0	02/14/2016

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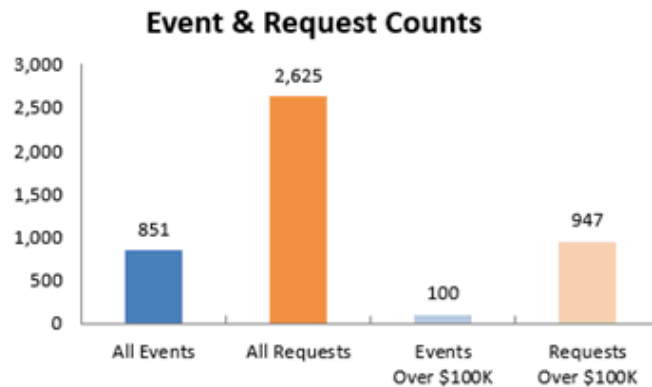
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CM Reporting - Metrics

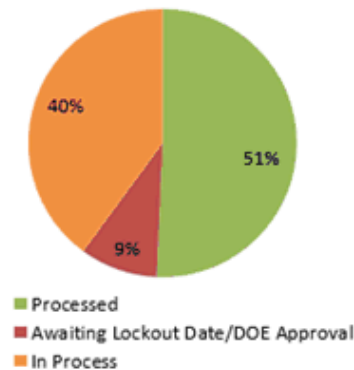
Event Tracker Metric Charts

Data as of:
3/19/15 12:01 PM

Future Event <input type="button" value="Future"/> <input type="button" value="Past"/>	Event Calendar Year <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>2013</td> <td>2014</td> <td>2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>2017</td> <td>2018</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		Event Calendar Month <table border="1"> <tr> <td>01-Jan</td> <td>02-Feb</td> <td>03-Mar</td> <td>04-Apr</td> <td>05-May</td> <td>06-Jun</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07-Jul</td> <td>08-Aug</td> <td>09-Sep</td> <td>10-Oct</td> <td>11-Nov</td> <td>12-Dec</td> </tr> </table>	01-Jan	02-Feb	03-Mar	04-Apr	05-May	06-Jun	07-Jul	08-Aug	09-Sep	10-Oct	11-Nov	12-Dec
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Requests by Status



Request Status Legend

Processed:

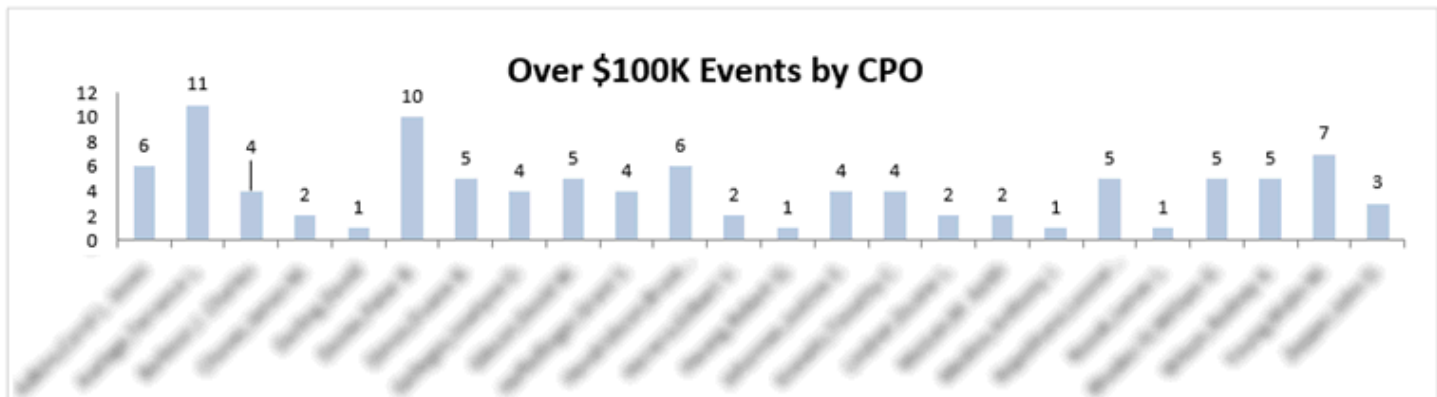
- Approved
- CPO Exempt
- Disapproved
- DOE Exempt

Awaiting Lockout Date/DOE Approval:

- DOE Approval Needed
- DOE Signature Needed

In Process:

- Need More Information
- Pending
- Submitted



CM Reporting – Lockout Date Range Sandia National Laboratories



Event Tracker FLIP Report

Data as of:
3/19/15 12:30 PM

Future Event <input type="button" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Yes"/>	Lockout Date Range <input checked="" type="button" value="15 Days or less"/> <input type="button" value="30 Days or less"/> <input type="button" value="45 Days or less"/> <input type="button" value="46 Days or more"/> <input type="button" value="Lockout Date Past"/> <input type="button" value="No Lockout Date"/>	DOE Estimate Range <input checked="" type="button" value="0 - 49K"/> <input type="button" value="50 - 69K"/> <input type="button" value="70 - 99K"/> <input type="button" value="Equal or > 100K"/> <input type="button" value="No DOE ID"/>
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										Report Total:	121
Lockout Date Range	Lockout Date	DOE ID	Event Title	Event Start	CPO	EO	Request Status	Request ID	iPortal Entry Date	Requests	DOE Estimate
15 Days or less	3/20/15	25405	14th Annual Compliance and Ethics Institute	10/4/15			DOE Approval Needed	24001	3/13/15	1	\$25,999
								26028	3/13/15	1	\$25,999
								26094	3/13/15	1	\$25,999
	3/21/15	28301	EMN Istanbul Meeting: Energy Materials Nanotechnology	7/1/15			Submitted	26662	3/11/15	1	\$3,575
	3/22/15	21503	National Agency for Finite Element Methods and Standards (NAFEMS) World Congress 2015	6/21/15			DOE Approval Needed	26254	3/11/15	1	\$37,800
								26289	3/11/15	1	\$37,800
								26298	3/11/15	1	\$37,800
								26609	3/11/15	1	\$37,800
	3/23/15	21117	13th AIAA ASME Joint Thermophysics and Heat Transfer Conference	6/22/15			Pending	25090		1	\$20,000
								25800		1	\$20,000
								26152		1	\$20,000
		21148	Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition	6/28/15			Submitted	26547	3/11/15	1	\$31,181
		21189	2015 Canberra Users' Group Meeting	6/22/15			DOE Approval Needed	25930	3/11/15	1	\$62,100
							Submitted	26630	3/11/15	1	\$62,100
								26635	3/11/15	1	\$62,100
		21510	83rd MORS Symposium	6/22/15			DOE Approval Needed	24663	3/11/15	1	\$47,500
								24664	3/11/15	1	\$47,500



Email Notifications

Participant Notifications

- 1 Request is Submitted
- 2 Request is Approved
- 3 Request is Cancelled
- 4 Request is marked as Exempt by CPO
- 5 Request is disapproved by CPO
- 6 CPO/EO Contact Participants – Verify Role
- 7 CPO/EO Contact Participants – Verify Cost Estimate
- 8 CPO/EO Contact Participants – Verify Event Request Information
- 9 CPO/EO Contact Participants – Verify Intent to Attend

CPO Notifications

- 1 New Event assigned to CPO
- 2 CPO transfers Event to another CPO
- 3 CPO delegates EO
- 4 EO declines Event Delegation
- 5 Package Needed - Event with DOE Estimate >\$100K and Lockout Date reached
- 6 DOE has selected Sandia to lead the Package
- 7 Event Status updated by CM
- 8 Deputy CPO designated/removed

Other Notifications

- 1 Request submitted for an individual in Manager's Org
 - 2 Authorized Viewer Added or Removed by CPO, Deputy CPO or EO
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Successful Outcomes

- CPOs have taken an active role in managing event attendance and partnering with CM
- Improvements for CM team in processing requests, identifying/resolving duplicates, sharing info with CPO community
- Greater clarity for end-users on status of requests and expectation of when they will receive approval
- Usage: Increased count of request submissions by ~ 19%
 - (Feb 2014 - Feb 2015) 7,316 requests to attend 2,581 events
 - (Feb 2013 - Feb 2014) 6,158 requests to attend 2,283 events

Q&A