

## COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: JOHN NEWTON

Employing Office/Committee: U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): THE MINNESOTA AGRI-GROWTH COUNCIL & FORESTRY

Travel Date(s): NOV 3-4, 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: UPDATED RE-2 WITH SENATOR  
BOOZMAN'S SIGNATURE & DATE

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): SENATOR BOOZMAN DID NOT  
DATE THE RE-2.

7/18/2022  
(Date)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Traveler)

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, Inc. (Agrigrowth)

Travel date(s): November 3-4, 2021

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

**Expenses for Employee:**

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$359.22	\$199.54	\$21.60	\$5.00 (internet on plane)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

**Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child** (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Dr. Newton attended the Minnesota Ag & Food Summit hosted by the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, Inc.

7/18/22  
(Date)

John Newton  
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]  
(Signature of traveler)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:**

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

Aug 3, 2022  
(Date)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, Inc. (AgriGrowth)
  2. Description of the trip: Dr. Newton will travel round trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota to serve as the opening speaker for the Minnesota Ag & Food Summit (the Summit) - hosted by AgriGrowth.
  3. Dates of travel: November 3 - 4, 2021
  4. Place of travel: Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
  5. Name and title of Senate invitees: John Newton (Staff, Committee on Agriculture) and attached list.
  6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
    - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
– OR –
    - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
  7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
– AND –
    - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
  8. I *certify* that:
    - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
– AND –
    - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AgriGrowth communicates twice monthly with more than 900 members of the Minnesota agri-food sector and also convenes approximately 3-4 events (in-person and virtual) to inform and educate on agriculture, farm policy, risk management in agri-food, and other agricultural issues.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$400.00	\$148.00	\$120.00	None

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is organized without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

AgriGrowth (organizer and sponsor) are located in St. Paul, Minnesota and the Summit is held annually at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55403

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel is connected by Skyway to the Minneapolis Convention Center where the Summit is held.



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AgriGrowth, via its Executive Director Tamara Nelsen, is solely responsible for setting the agenda, inviting speakers and participants, and conducting the Summit program. Corporate sponsors Ag Country, Cargill, Compeer, CHS, Corteva, Land O'Lakes, Midwest Dairy, Minnesota Corn, and RDI are regular, annual

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The mission of AgriGrowth is to convene discussions and events on ag and food issues to develop and maintain a competitive and healthy agriculture and food system. Dr. Newton's trip to the Summit and his presentation on the outlook for agriculture is critical to our informing of local, state, and national leaders.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

None.

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21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Our estimate for lodging expenses is equal to the 2021 Federal lodging rate for Minneapolis.

Our estimate for meal expenses is less than the 2021 Federal per diem for 2-day travel trips.

(Source: Federalpay.org).

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round-trip Coach Class airfare (DCA to MSP) and round-trip passenger taxi or ride share (MSP airport to Minneapolis Convention Center).

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Tamara A. Nelsen

Name and Title: Tamara A. Nelsen, Executive Director

Name of Organization: The Minnesota Agri-Growth Council, Inc.

Address: 400 Robert St. N., Suite 1520, St. Paul, MN 55101

Telephone Number: 651-905-8901

Fax Number: None.

E-mail Address: tnelsen@agrigrowth.org

**Supplemental information**  
**Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form**  
**Dr. John Newton**

**Question 5:**

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Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith are also invited, along with. Chuck Ackman (Staff, Senator Amy Klobuchar's Office) and Paula Sunde (Staff, Senator Tina Smith's Office).

**Question 12:**

(Continued from page 2)

sponsors for the Summit – Hosted by AgriGrowth. Companies and associations in Minnesota agri-food have been sponsors of this annual Summit for decades. Summit sponsors do not play any role in speaker selection or sponsorship. In terms of sponsor placement on each session, while some sponsor agenda spots change from year to year, Land O'Lakes traditionally sponsor the Economic Outlook Session without regard to who AgriGrowth chooses for a speaker or topic for that program. None of the sponsorship money received for the Ag & Food Summit is used to cover speaker travel, lodging, or travel expenses.

**Itinerary for Dr. John Newton**  
**November 3 - November 4, 2021**  
**MN Ag & Food Summit Hosted by AgriGrowth**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

2:59 p.m. – 4:42 p.m.	Delta Flight #1343 DCA to MSP
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Taxi or Ride Share from MSP to Minneapolis Convention Center
6:00 p.m.	<b>Hotel Check-in</b> <b>Minneapolis Hilton</b> 1001 Marquette Ave. South Minneapolis, MN 55403 612-376-1000
6:30-8:00	<b>Dinner on own [Reimbursed by AgriGrowth]</b>

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

7:30 a.m.	Registration open / Breakfast Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55403
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Economic and Policy Outlook for U.S. Agriculture</b> <b>Dr. John Newton, Chief Economist,</b> <b>Ranking Member John Boozman, U.S. Senate Committee</b> <b>on Ag, Nutrition, and Forestry</b>

Dr. Newton will provide an overview of key factors impacting U.S. agriculture over the next year (trade, market consolidation, tax policies, farm structure, and risk management). In addition, he will discuss priorities for future farm policy including conservation, climate mitigation, research and innovation, and expanding markets.

11:30 a.m. -12 noon	Taxi or Ride Share from Convention Center to MSP Airport
1:45 p.m. – 5:09 p.m.	Delta Flight #2244 MSP to DCA