

Date/Time Stamp:

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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.)

National Association of Counties (NACo)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Travel date(s): October 26, 2022 - October 28, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

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)
☐ Good Faith Estimate	Total: \$619.45	Total: \$254.00	Total: \$278.92	\$378.63 (Includes room/boat rental costs, services fees, printing/shipping costs)
☒ Actual Amount	Flights: \$458.82 Coach Bus: \$160.63			

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

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
☐ Actual Amount				

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

11/7/2022
(Date)

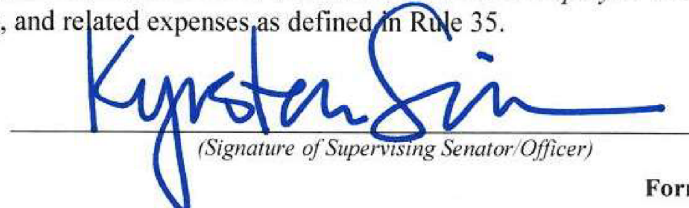
Christopher A. Phalen
(Printed name of traveler)


(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.

11/7/2022
(Date)


(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.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): National Association of Counties (NACo)
2. Description of the trip: The trip fulfills NACo's mission of strengthening the intergovernmental partnership by educating congressional staff and federal officials on the roles/responsibilities of county governments.
3. Dates of travel: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - Friday, October 28, 2022
4. Place of travel: Miami-Dade County, Fla.
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
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*).

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:

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:

NACo is responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding this trip.

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

NACo is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit established to serve and strengthen America's counties. This trip will focus on the importance and structure of America's intergovernmental system and educate attendees on county roles, mandates, operations and policy priorities to help strengthen their communities.

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

This is the first congressional trip that NACo will be sponsoring.

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

NACo hosts two member-based events yearly that provide congressional staff with an opportunity to engage with county leaders and strengthen the intergovernmental partnership. Congressional officials and staff are also invited to these events to speak and update county leaders on their work on Capitol Hill.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	Total: \$465.63 Flights: \$363.20 Coach Bus: \$102.43	Total: \$254	Total: \$269.00	Total: \$408.18 (Includes room/boat rental costs, service fees, printing/shipping costs)

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 arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

Miami-Dade County is a premier example of an urban community that provides essential services to its residents. The county is also unique in that it is one of the few counties that owns/operates an airport and seaport, and also provides emergency management and social support services.

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

Hyatt Regency Miami, 400 S. SE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33131

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

The hotel is within close proximity to event programming and offered rate below GSA per diem rate.

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:

Lodging costs are less than the maximum Federal Government per diem rate of \$146 per night in

Miami, Florida. Meal expenses are above the maximum Federal Government per diem rate of \$69 per

day due to contracted rates for catering.

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:

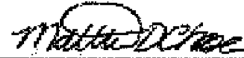
Round-trip coach airfare and bus transportation between site visits across Miami-Dade County will be provided.

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:

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:



Name and Title: Matthew D. Chase, CEO/Executive Director

Name of Organization: National Association of Counties (NACo)

Address: 660 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 400, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 393-6226

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: mchase@naco.org



August 23, 2022

Dear Ms. McBride,

As the Executive Director and CEO of National Association of Counties (NACo), it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you as a leader in federal policymaking to participate in NACo's inaugural 2022 Federal Fellowship Initiative. This is an invitation-only cohort that will be comprised of congressional staff, White House officials and other federal agency representatives. County governments play a critical role as public service providers for America's citizens. Since 1935, NACo has represented the interests of all of America's 3,069 counties and assisted them in the pursuit of excellence in public service.

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Sincerely,

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Matthew Chase
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September 22, 2022

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July 8, 2022

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2022 FEDERAL FELLOWSHIP INITIATIVE

MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLA. | HYATT REGENCY MIAMI | OCTOBER 26-28, 2022

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7:59AM – 10:44AM** **FLIGHT FROM DCA TO MIA/MIAMI-DADE AIRPORT (AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. 458)**
- 11:00AM** **ATTENDEES ARE TRANSFERRED TO LUNCH BRIEFING BY MIA & NACo STAFF**
Address: Gate E1/E2 at Miami International Airport
- 11:30AM – 2:30PM** **LUNCH BRIEFING & TOUR OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
Address: Miami International Airport Hotel Le Jeune Rd., Concourse E - 2nd Floor
NW 20th St., Miami, FL 33122
- Miami International Airport (MIA), located on 3,230 acres of land near downtown Miami, is operated by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department and is the property of Miami-Dade County. Founded in 1928, MIA is America's second-busiest airport for international passengers and is the leading economic engine for Miami-Dade County and the state of Florida, generating business revenue of \$31.9 billion annually and approximately 60 percent of all international visitors to Florida. During this briefing and tour, participants will have the opportunity to get a firsthand look at MIA's airside including the cargo handling systems, taxiway operations, airport security and COVID-19 response efforts.*
- **Hon. Daniella Levine Cava**, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
 - **Ralph Cutié**, Director/Chief Executive Officer, Miami International Airport
 - **Luly Escar**, Governmental Affairs, Miami International Airport
 - **Tony Quintero**, Associate Aviation Director, Governmental Affairs, Miami International Airport
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** **TOUR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
Address: 9300 NW 41st St. Doral, FL 33178
- Miami-Dade County's Office of Emergency Management is considered one of the top emergency response facilities in the nation. Participants will receive a tour of the county's Office of Emergency Management and learn about the critical role the county plays in supporting the community's disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation needs through the coordination of information and resources countywide.*
- **Hon. Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
 - **Pete Gomez**, Director, Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management
 - **Nicholas Morgado**, Training Captain, Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue
 - **Raied Jadallah**, Fire Chief, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

- **Alfredo Ramirez**, Chief of Safety and Emergency Response, Miami-Dade County

7:00PM - 9:00PM

COUNTY SITE-VISIT WELCOME DINNER (HOSTED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)

Address: River Oyster Bar, 33 SE 7th Street, Suite 100

- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Oliver Gilbert**, Vice Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
- **Matt Chase**, CEO/Executive Director, NACo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00AM – 8:30AM

BREAKFAST

Address: Orchid A, Hyatt Regency Miami

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

TOUR OF PORTMIAMI

Address: 1015 North America Way, Miami, Florida

PortMiami is one of America's fastest-growing global gateways. It contributes more than \$43 billion annually to Miami-Dade County's local economy and supports over 334,500 jobs in Florida. Located at the crossroads of north-south and east-west trade lanes and with big-ship capabilities, PortMiami serves ocean carrier customers by linking worldwide markets with U.S. consumers and producers. Participants will hear from the Port Director and other county stakeholders about efforts in balancing environmental, capital and economic factors into business planning and how the port impacts residents' daily lives.

- **Hon. Rebeca Sosa**, Commissioner and Chair, Port & Environmental Resilience Committee, Miami-Dade County
- **Hydi Webb**, Port Director and CEO, PortMiami
- **Debra Owens**, Director of Government Affairs and International Relations, PortMiami
- **Gérard Philippeaux**, Strategic Initiatives Manager, PortMiami

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**WATER & RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR ON RIVER
(LUNCH PROVIDED ON RIVER TOUR)**

Address: Depart from Hyatt Regency Miami Marina; Travel Down Miami River; Arrive Back at Hyatt Regency Miami Marina

*Biscayne Bay is an important part of Miami-Dade County's economy, contributing \$3.8 billion in economic output, \$2.1 billion in income, and 57,000 jobs. However, the ecological health of the Bay is on the decline. Rising water temperatures and excess nutrients from aging infrastructure, stormwater and septic systems, and canals have led to algal blooms that reduced water clarity, damaged seagrass and caused unprecedented fish kills. Participants will hear from the Chief Bay Officer and Water and Sewer Director about "Connect 2 Protect," the County's approach to extending sanitary sewer service to residents on septic systems, and upgrades to aging sewer mains and stormwater systems in order to protect properties, health, and restore natural areas like the Bay. **Note that participants will be on a boat for a portion of this tour. Please dress accordingly.***

- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Raquel Regalado**, Commissioner and Chair, County Infrastructure, Operations and Innovation Committee, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. René Garcia**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Irela Bague**, Chief Bay Officer, Miami-Dade County
- **Roy Coley**, Director, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department

1:30PM – 3:30PM**TOUR OF MIAMI CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY; TREATMENT VS. INCARCERATION**

Address: 2200 NW 7th Ave. Miami, FL 33127

The Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery, acclaimed as a national model, represents a tangible solution to the challenge of decreasing the number of individuals with mental illness in county jails. This tour of the center will shed light on how the county utilized a surplus building and acquired funding for this center to advance its objective of diverting individuals with mental illness away from its jails and into a more suitable and productive treatment environment.

- **Hon. Sally Heyman**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Steven Leifman**, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

3:30PM – 5:00PM**TOUR OF CAMILLUS HOUSE: RESPONDING TO THE NATION'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS**

Address: 1603 NW 7th Ave. Miami, FL 33136

For more than 60 years, Camillus House has provided critical support to individuals and families experiencing or are at risk of becoming homeless. Serving over 33,000 people in need in 2021, Camillus House is now the most broad-based homeless services provider in Miami-Dade County, providing services to underserved families including nutrition and shelter assistance, job-training, counseling, medical assistance and other tools to ensure residents are able to obtain and maintain self-sufficiency. Participants will receive a tour of Camillus House and immediately after hear from local leaders during a panel discussion focused on how Miami-Dade County is addressing both the mental health and housing crises.

- **Hon. René Garcia**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hilda Fernández**, Chief Executive Officer, Camillus House
- **Hon. Steven Leifman**, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
- **Ron Book**, Chairman, Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

7:30PM – 9:30PM**COUNTY SITE-VISIT DEBRIEF DINNER (HOSTED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)**

Address: Old Havana, 1442 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL

- **Hon. Daniella Levine Cava**, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner and Chair, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. René Garcia**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Matt Chase**, CEO/Executive Director, NACo

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**8:00AM – 8:30AM****BREAKFAST**

Address: Orchid A, Hyatt Regency Miami

8:45AM – 9:45AM**WALKING TOUR OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNDERLINE**

Address: SW 1st Ave, Miami, FL 33130

The Underline is transforming the land below Miami's Metrorail into a 10-mile linear park, urban trail, and public art destination. Partially funded through a federal BUILD grant, this world-class, multimodal urban trail will provide a walkable and bikeable corridor that will improve connectivity between surrounding neighborhoods and important first/last mile connectivity to Metrorail stations from the Miami River to South Dade. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the completed Phase 1 of the innovative mobility corridor as we make our way via a demonstrative tour of the Miami-Dade County Metrorail and Dadeland South Metrorail Station, which is the starting point of the new Miami-Dade County South Corridor Transit Project.

- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner and Chair, Transportation, Mobility, and Planning Committee, Miami-Dade County
- **Eulois Cleckley**, Director/Chief Executive Officer, Transportation and Public Works
- **Meg Daly**, Founder, Friends of the Underline

10:00AM – 12:00PM**TOUR OF SOUTH CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS**

Address: 9150 Dadeland Boulevard, Miami, FL 33156

Ride the County's existing Metrorail system towards the connection to the South Corridor Bus Rapid Transit project. Scheduled to open in 2023, the South Corridor is a major milestone and a step forward in the County's work to provide rapid connectivity for all residents to economic opportunity. The Federal Transit Administration awarded the project a \$99.9 million grant. Once completed, this 20-mile corridor will provide high-quality transit service at 14 state-of-the-art stations. Participants will also get a comprehensive view of how the County's zoning allows for transit-supportive density initiatives near transit stations creating live-work-play neighborhoods that build transit ridership while providing affordable and workforce housing.

- **Hon. Oliver Gilbert**, Vice Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner and Chair, Miami-Dade County
- **Eulois Cleckley**, Director/Chief Executive Officer, Transportation and Public Works, Miami-Dade County
- **Michael Liu**, Director, Public Housing and Community Development, Miami-Dade County

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OFFICE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Office of Senator Tommy Tuberville	Emily	McBride
Senate Health, Education, Pensions and Labor Committee, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security	Maria	Olson
Office of Senator Kyrsten Sinema	Christopher	Phalen
Senate Finance Committee	Joshua	Sheinkman
Office of Senator Chuck Schumer	Leeann	Sinpatanasakul
Office of Senator Rick Scott	Edward	Valentine



September 22, 2022

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Matthew Chase
Executive Director/CEO
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Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

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Christopher A. Phalen

Name of Traveler: _____

Senator Sinema

Employing Office/Committee: _____

National Association of Counties

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): _____

October 26-28, 2022

Travel date(s): _____

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Miami-Dade County

Destination(s): _____

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

A multi-day trip to Miami-Dade County operated facilities to enhance awareness and educate congressional staff and federal officials on the roles/responsibilities of county governments.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/ARelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

9/26/2022
(Date)

Christopher A. Phalen
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Kyrsten Sinema

Christopher A. Phalen

I, _____ hereby authorize _____

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/26/2022
(Date)

Kyrsten Sinema
(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.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): National Association of Counties (NACo)
2. Description of the trip: A multi-day trip to Miami-Dade County operated facilities to enhance awareness and educate congressional staff and federal officials on the roles/responsibilities of county governments.
3. Dates of travel: Wednesday, October 26, 2022
4. Place of travel: Friday, October 28, 2022
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
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*).

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 –

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– 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:

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:

NACo is responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding this trip.

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

NACo is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit established to serve and strengthen America's counties. This trip will focus

on the importance and structure of America's intergovernmental system and educate attendees on county

roles, mandates, operations and policy priorities to help strengthen their communities.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:
- This is the first congressional trip that NACo will be sponsoring.

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

Please see attached

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	\$463.81	\$287.02	\$269.22	\$499.75
☐ Actual Amounts				

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 arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

To educate congressional staff and other federal representatives about the critical role counties play in transportation and

infrastructure, behavioral health services and emergency response, among other vital services that support our nation's residents.

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

Hyatt Regency Miami, 400 S, SE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33131

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

The hotel is within close proximity to event programming and offered GSA per diem rate.

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:

Lodging costs match the maximum Federal Government per diem rate of \$127 per night in Miami, Florida.

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:

Coach air and bus transportation will be provided. Rail transportation will also be provided during the trip's site visit to the South Dade Rapid Transit Project.

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:

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:



Name and Title: Matthew D. Chase, CEO/Executive Director

Name of Organization: National Association of Counties (NACo)

Address: 660 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 400, Washington DC, 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 393-6226

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: mchase@naco.org



July 8, 2022

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MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLA. | HYATT REGENCY MIAMI | OCTOBER 26-28, 2022

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7:59AM – 10:44AM** FLIGHT FROM DCA TO MIA/MIAMI-DADE AIRPORT (AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. 458)
- 11:00AM** ATTENDEES ARRIVE & ARE GREETED AT MIAMI-DADE AIRPORT
- 11:30AM – 2:30PM** LUNCH BRIEFING & TOUR OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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- **Hon. Daniella Levine Cava**, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
 - **Ralph Cutié**, Director/Chief Executive Officer, Miami International Airport
 - **Luly Escar**, Governmental Affairs, Miami International Airport
 - **Tony Quintero**, Associate Aviation Director, Governmental Affairs, Miami International Airport
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- **Hon. Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
 - **Pete Gomez**, Director, Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management
 - **Nicholas Morgado**, Training Captain, Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue
- 7:00PM - 9:00PM** COUNTY SITE-VISIT WELCOME DINNER (HOSTED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)
River Oyster Bar, 33 SE 7th Street, Suite 100

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00AM – 8:30AM** BREAKFAST BRIEFING
Ibis Room, Hyatt Regency Miami

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- **Hon. Rebeca Sosa**, Commissioner and Chair, Port & Environmental Resilience Committee, Miami-Dade County
- **Hydi Webb**, Port Director and CEO, PortMiami
- **Debra Owens**, Director of Government Affairs and International Relations, PortMiami
- **Gérard Philippeaux**, Strategic Initiatives Manager, PortMiami

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**WATER & RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR ON RIVER
(LUNCH PROVIDED ON RIVER TOUR)**

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- **Hon. Eileen Higgins**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Raquel Regalado**, Commissioner and Chair, County Infrastructure, Operations and Innovation Committee, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. René Garcia**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Irela Bague**, Chief Bay Officer, Miami-Dade County
- **Roy Coley**, Director, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department

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- **Hon. Sally Heyman**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hon. Steven Leifman**, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida

3:30PM – 5:00PM

TOUR OF CAMILLUS HOUSE: RESPONDING TO THE NATION'S HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

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- **Hon. René Garcia**, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
- **Hilda Fernandez**, Chief Executive Officer, Camillus House
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5:00PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

7:30PM – 9:30PM

COUNTY SITE-VISIT DEBRIEF (HOSTED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)

Old Havana, 1442 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30AM – 9:00AM

BREAKFAST & SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSIT BRIEFING

9:00AM – 9:45AM

WALKING TOUR OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNDERLINE

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10:00AM – 12:00PM

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TITLE	OFFICE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
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