RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Travel Dates:
04/23/2024 to 04/27/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$500.00	$840.00	$0.00	$4,500.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

05/21/2024
Date

Santiago Gonzalez
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.

05/21/2024
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Santiago Gonzalez

Employing Office/Committee:
BENNET, MICHAEL

Private Sponsor(s):
Biennial of the Americas

Destination(s):
Costa Rica

Travel Dates:
04/23/2024 to 04/27/2024
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

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

I have led Senator Bennet's work on trade, foreign policy, and migration in the Western Hemisphere and Costa Rica specifically plays a strong role as a partner to the United States and leader in the region. The other members of the delegation traveling on this trip with the Biennial of the Americas are from Colorado, including other state and local government officials, to understand how to better increase collaboration between Colorado and Costa Rica. As the Legislative Director for a Colorado Senator, my role will help better represent how the federal government can be supportive in building this relationship between the state and country.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

3/8/2024
Date

Signature of Employee

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

I Senator Bennet hereby authorize Santiago Gonzalez
(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)

03/08/2024
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Biennial of the Americas: 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica

Santiago Gonzalez

Title:
Legislative Director

Employing Office/Committee:
BENNET, MICHAEL

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Costa Rica

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

I have led Senator Bennet's work on trade, foreign policy, and migration in the Western Hemisphere and Costa Rica specifically plays a strong role as a partner to the United States and leader in the region. The other members of the delegation traveling on this trip with the Biennial of the Americas are from Colorado, including other state and local government officials, to understand how to better increase collaboration between Colorado and Costa Rica. As the Legislative Director for a Colorado Senator, my role will help better represent how the federal government can be supportive in building this relationship between the state and country.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Biennial of the Americas

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
○ Yes ● No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
1550 Wewatta Street

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 950

City, State Zip
Denver, Colorado 80202 United States

Phone Number
(303) 898-1237

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

The Biennial of the Americas creates connections, builds community and inspires change across the Americas. Formed around the transformational idea that the North-South axis across the Americas is a vast and largely untapped resource for business, cultural and social opportunities, we assemble the most innovative leaders in the Western Hemisphere. Since our inception in 2013, we have travelled to over 15 destinations across the Americas on our Americas Summit trips, and have sponsored congressional staff for many of these Summits.

Educational Activities

Costa Rica, once primarily known for agricultural exports, has evolved into a hub for high-tech and service-based sectors as well. Costa Rica's innovation and progress in tourism offers opportunities for inspiration. From a business standpoint, the stable economy, high literacy rate, strategic location, and commitment to innovation foster an ideal environment for investment and partnerships. Costa Rica's pioneering efforts in sustainability– boasting a lush biodiversity, renewable energy focus, and conservation initiatives– make it a beacon of sustainable practices, with a culture of wellness and "Pura Vida" worth exploring and learning from.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Biennial of the Americas in collaboration with the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT), Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Office (DEDO), and Governor Jared Polis, invites you to be part of the 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica, April 23-27! San José, Costa Rica will serve as the base of exploration where we will interact with senior Costa Rican elected officials and business leaders, immerse in the culture and experience relevant marvels of the Central-American region. Our Summit programming will focus on five thematic priorities: sustainable living, agragrian advancements, health & innovation, education & democracy, and economic progress.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The Americas Summits are curated trips to urban centers across the Americas that extend our growing network. Delegates on our 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica will explore the dynamic economy and cultural landscape through site visits, panel discussions, receptions, tours and networking opportunities with top government and business officials, startup innovators, entrepreneurs and contemporary artists.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

✓ Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ✓ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ✓ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ✓ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ✓ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ○ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to 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

○ The trip is limited to 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

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ✓ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ✓ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

ⓘ Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/23/2024 @ 05:33 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
04/27/2024 @ 05:33 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ✓ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $500.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$500.00

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $840.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/23/2024	04/27/2024	Gran Hotel Costa Rica	San Jose	None	Costa Rica	4	$210.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
There are no meals expenses.									

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $4,500.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

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Conference Fees	$4,500.00	The Biennial of the Americas will sponsor the cost of one Americas Summit Delegate Fee ($4,500.00 USD), which include all meals, transportation, and programming on the ground in Costa Rica from April 23-April 27, 2024. This does not include airfare or accommodations.

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica

Travel Date(s): April 23-April 27, 2024

Travel Destination(s): Costa Rica

Sponsor: Biennial of the Americas

FloraJane DiRienzo — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

2/27/24 — *(date)*

February 27, 2024

Biennial of the Americas
1550 Wewatta Street #950
Denver, CO, 80202

2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica Senate invitees:

Santiago Gonzalez, Legislative Director

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 19:01:25 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: You're Invited - Join the 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 at 11:50:04 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Alyssa Miller
To: Gonzalez, Santiago (Bennet)

Dear Santiago,

On behalf of the Biennial of the Americas, I am writing to invite you to join the delegation for our 2024 Americas Summit Costa Rica, taking place April 23-27, 2024.

San José, Costa Rica will serve as the base of exploration where we will interact with senior Costa Rican elected officials and business leaders, immerse in the culture and experience relevant marvels of the Central American region. Our Summit programming will focus on five thematic priorities: sustainable living, agrarian advancements, health and innovation, education & democracy, and economic progress.

The Biennial of the Americas is pleased to be able to offer our sponsorship support to cover your delegation fee of $4,500.00 USD. Should you accept our invitation, I will be in touch with you to provide more information about the trip and logistics.

Kind Regards,
Alyssa

Alyssa Miller, Ph.D. (she/her/hers)
Director of Membership & Events
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2024 AMERICAS SUMMIT COSTA RICA

DRAFT AGENDA

	4/23 TUESDAY	4/24 WEDNESDAY	4/25 THURSDAY	4/26 FRIDAY	4/27 SATURDAY
5:30 AM					
6:30 AM		GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST		GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST	
7:00 AM	*FLIGHT* UA 796 - DEN-IAH: 5:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.				
7:30 AM		Bus Transfer	BREAKFAST	Bus Transfer	
8:00 AM					
8:30 AM			FUTURE OF CITIES *Pre-Columbian Gold Museum*	VOLCANO IRAZU	
9:00 AM		REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PANEL + COFFEE AND LOCAL CHEESE TASTING		CHORREADAS AND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES *Sueños del Irazu*	
9:30 AM			URBAN BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR WALK Parks +MADC		
10:00 AM		*Coffee Mill and Plantation Tour COOPEDOTA R.L.*			
10:30 AM	UA 1096 - IAH-SJO: 9:47 a.m. - 12:26 p.m.			Bus Transfer	
11:00 AM			DEMOCRACY, BUTTERFLIES & CHOCOLATE TASTING		
11:30 AM		Bus Transfer		GREEN ECONOMY : Geothermal and Renewable Energy	
12:00 PM			HEALTH & INNOVATION	LUNCH	
12:30 PM	Arrival *Juan Santamaría International Airport*		*National Museum of Costa Rica*	PARQUE LA LIBERTAD SOCIAL PROJECT TOUR	
1:00 PM		DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP & ECOTOURISM PANEL LUNCHEON		STARTUP & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
1:30 PM	Airport Transfer		Walk Transfer		
2:00 PM	LUNCH		LUNCH *Cafeoteca, Franco Escalante and Amana*		
2:30 PM	COSTA RICA'S VALUE PROPOSITION *Hakkoda - UltraPark Free Trade Zone*	BIODIVERSITY/ OUTDOOR REC EXPLORATION *Eco-Lodge*			
3:00 PM			Walk Transfer	Bus Transfer	
3:30 PM			CENTRAL AMERICA CONTEMPORARY ART WALK & GALLERY TALKS *Teorética, Cero Uno and Abra Espacio*		
4:00 PM	Bus Transfer			Free Time	
4:30 PM	Gran Hotel Costa Rica Check-in	Bus Transfer			
5:00 PM	Free Time	EDIBLE COUNTRY: Farming Community *Copey, Pedregoso and Coffee Experience*		CHEPECLETAS TOUR - DOWNTOWN REENERGIZING	
5:30 PM		PURA VIDA: WELLNESS CONVERSATIONS *Farm to Table Dinner with AL MERCAT Chef*	Free Time		
6:00 PM	MAYORS PANEL *National Theater of Costa Rica*			Bus Transfer	
6:30 PM				CANTINA CLOSING *Cothnejo-Fishy*	
7:00 PM			Bus Transfer		
7:30 PM	Walk or Bus Transfer	Bus Transfer	DINNER *SIKWA, Ancestral Cuisine*		
8:00 PM					
8:30 PM	OPENING RECEPTION				
9:00 PM		Hotel			

Delegates Depart or Stay Through the Weekend

- Programming
- Explorations/Tours
- Restaurants/Networking
- Special Events
- Free Time