Instructions for § 1353 Travel Report

The United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is required by 31 U.S.C. § 1353 to collect and make publicly available the information submitted in the semiannual § 1353 travel reports. OGE's acceptance of this information does not constitute a determination that the information is adequate or concurrence with the submitting agency's conflict of interest analysis. (*See* 41 CFR §304-6.9).

Starting with the October 1, 2010-March 31, 2011 reporting period, OGE will only accept § 1353 Travel Reports that are submitted *electronically* in this OGE-approved electronic form (OGE Form-1353) or on the SF-326. To the extent possible, agencies are strongly encouraged to submit their semiannual reports using the OGE Form-1353. All submissions must be made via email to 1353Travel@oge.gov in XLS, XLSX, or PDF format.

If your agency has not accepted payments under 31 U.S.C. § 1353 for the applicable reporting period, your agency must still submit a negative report. Negative reports are indicated by an electronic submission of the OGE Form-1353 (in excel format) or the SF-326 (in PDF Format).

Completing the OGE Form-1353

Saving the Workbook

Name the Workbook using your agency acronym and the reporting period using this convention: 1353Report_[AgencyAcronym]_[Reporting Period].xls, for example 1353Report_OGE_OctMarch2011.xls.

- Select the Microsoft Button and choose "Save As" Excel Workbook from the menu. When typing the file name, use the naming convention: 1353Report_[AgencyAcroynm]_[Reporting Period].xls
- Use OctMarch[Year] for the October 1- March 31st reporting cycle and AprSept[Year] for the April 1-September 30th reporting cycle.
- Note that your agency acronym can be found on the worksheet titled "Agency Acronym" (tab located at the bottom of the workbook).

Preparing Blank Report Forms for Each Sub-Agency (if applicable)

For each individual sub-agency report, copy the "RENAME BLANK FORM" spreadsheet (tab located at the bottom of the workbook) and rename it to describe the sub-agency.

- Ensure use of standardized acronyms where applicable.
- Spreadsheets can easily be copied by right-clicking on the sheet tab for the sheet you wish to copy. After you right click, select "Move or Copy", which will open a dialogue box. When the dialogue box appears, click the "Create a Copy" checkbox at the bottom of the dialogue box. To determine the placement of the new sheet within your workbook, left click the name of an existing sheet in the "Before Sheet" area; your new sheet will be placed before the sheet selected. Select "OK". A new sheet will appear (e.g. "RENAME BLANK FORM (2)") that you can rename.
- To rename the spreadsheet tab, simply double-click on the spreadsheet tab name and type the new name. Note that each tab must have a unique name.

Completing the General Information

Fill in the applicable information. **Note that information to be completed by the agency always appears in white-colored cells. Information located in the colored cells should not be manipulated.** The worksheet has been protected so that you can tab between the fillable cells.

Renaming the Spreadsheet Tabs

- Rename the spreadsheet tab with your agency name, using standardized acronyms where applicable.
- To rename the spreadsheet tab, simply double-click on the spreadsheet tab name and type the new name. Note that each tab must have a unique name.

*Filling in **Page, Of Pages** and **Year***

- Fill in the white-colored cells found below **Page**, **Of Pages**, and **Year**.
- **Page** refers to the numerical position of the current sheet relative to the other sheets in the workbook and **Of Pages** refer to the total number of report pages in the entire workbook.

- For example, if the Department of Example 1353 Travel Report had submissions from its only two sub-agencies: Department ABC and Department XYZ, there would be 2 total reports (2 worksheets). On the Department ABC worksheet/report, the agency would enter 1 for Page-- referring to the Department ABC's position in the workbook-- and 2 for Of Pages-- referring to the total number of worksheets/reports. The Department XYZ report would read 2 for Page-- referring to its order as the second report-- and 2 for Of Pages-- referring to the total number of sheets in the workbook.

Filling in Agency Name, Sub-Component Name, and Contact Information

- In the fillable cells below the Title, replace **[Replace with Reporting Agency Name]**, **[Replace with Sub-Agency Name]**, **[Replace with Agency Contact Name]**, and **[Replace with Agency Contact Email]** with the appropriate information. If there is no sub-agency, then delete **[Sub-Agency]** from that cell.
- Once the identifying information is completed correctly, the report title should automatically read correctly at the top of the spreadsheet.

Indicating Reporting Period

- Indicate the reporting period by placing an X in the white cell to left of the correct reporting period.

Filling in Travel Specific Information

Indicating a Negative Report

- If there is no information to report for this reporting period, indicate the negative report by placing an X in the white cell to the left of negative report.

Indicating 1353 Travel

- Fill in the applicable information in the report in the same method as illustrated by the example. You must enter the information in the cell below the description of the type of information. For example, type "John Smith" in the cell below "Name."

Submitting the Report to OGE

Ensure the file is saved using the naming convention discussed in the instruction for saving the workbook, and email the excel file as an attachment to 1353Travel@oge.gov.

Printing Reports for Internal Agency Use and Record Keeping

While reports must be submitted electronically, your agency may find it useful to print its 1353 Travel Reports for record-keeping purposes. The following instructions provide guidance for printing in Excel 2003 and Excel 2007.

In Excel 2007

- Highlight the portion of the report on each spreadsheet you would like to print. Do this by left-clicking with the mouse and holding the button as you drag the cursor over the cells that you wish to highlight. Release the mouse button when you are finished and the area that you selected will remain highlighted. Click on the Page Layout Tab on the Microsoft Excel Ribbon.
- With the printing area highlighted, click the "Print Area" button, which should provide a drop-down menu including the option to "Set Print Area". Select "Set Print Area".
- On the Page Layout Tab, locate the "Scale to Fit" option. Use the drop-down menu to restrict the width to "1 page".
- To verify the margins are correct on your printing job, use the Print Preview option. Click on the Microsoft button in the upper right-hand corner and hover over Print. Select "Print Preview" from the right-hand menu.
- You can select Print from the Print Preview view or Print as you traditionally would.

In Excel 2003

- Highlight the desired print area. Do this by left-clicking with the mouse and holding the button as you drag the cursor over the cells that you wish to highlight. Release the mouse button when you are finished and the area that you selected will remain highlighted.
- Access the print properties menu. Scroll to the “File” tab on the command bar and select “Print Area.”

- Set the print area. A submenu will open. Scroll to “Set Print Area” and left-click to set the print area. The print area will be outlined with a dashed border inside of the spreadsheet.
- Check the print area in the preview screen. Scroll to the “File” tab on the command bar and select “Print Preview” to see how the file will look when it is printed.
- Adjust the print area. To make any changes, just hover the mouse over a corner of the dashed border surrounding the print area. When the cursor turns to a cross-sectioned arrow, left-click and hold. Drag the print area to the desired size.

Semiannual Report of Payment Accepted

Agency/Sub-Agency Name

Administrative Conference of the United States
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
African Development Foundation
Agency for International Development
American Battle Monuments Commission
Appalachian Regional Commission
Appraisal Subcommittee
Arctic Research Commission
Armed Forces Retirement Home (Soldiers' & Airmen's Home)
Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals-- Department of Defense
Barry Goldwater Scholarship Foundation
Broadcasting Board of Governors
Central Intelligence Agency
Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board
Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation
Comission on Civil Rights
Commision of the Fine Arts
Commission for Purchase from the Blind & Severely Disabled
Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Corporation for National & Community Service
Council of Econimic Advisors-- Executive Office of the President
Council on Environmental Quality-- Executive Office of the President
Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency for DC
Defense Commissary Agency-- Department of Defense
Defense Contract Audit Agency-- Department of Defense
Defense Finance & Accounting Service-- Department of Defense
Defense Information Systems Agency-- Department of Defense
Defense Intelligence Agency-- Department of Defense
Defense Logistics Agency-- Department of Defense
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Defense Security Service-- Department of Defense
Defense Threat Reduction Agency-- Department of Defense
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Defense
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Department of Health & Human Services
Department of Homeland Security
Department of Housing & Urban Development
Department of Justice
Department of Labor
Department of State
Department of the Air Force-- Department of Defense
Department of the Army-- Department of Defense
Department of the Interior
Department of the Navy-- Department of Defense
Department of Transporation
Department of Treasury
Department of Veterans Affairs
Election Assistance Commission

Enviornmental Protection Agency
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Executive Office of the President
Export-Import Bank
Farm Credit Administration & Farm Systems Insurance Corporation
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Federal Election Commission
Federal Energy Regulation Commission
Federal Housing Finance Board
Federal Labor Relations Authority
Federal Maritime Commission
Federal Mediation & Concilitation Service
Federal Mine Safety & Health Review Commission
Federal Reserve System
Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board
Federal Trade Commission
General Services Administration
Government Accountability Office
Harry S. Truman Scholarship The Truman Foundation
Institute of Museum & Library Services
Inter-American Foundation
International Boundary & Water Commission
International Joint Commission
International Trade Commission
James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation
Japan/US Friendship Commission
Marine Mammal Commission
Merit System Protection Board
Millennium Challenge Corporation
Morris K. Udall Foundation
National Aeronautics & Space Administration
National Archives & Records Administration
National Capital Planning Commission
National Credit Union Administration
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Imagery & Mapping Agency/National Geo-Space Intelligence-- Department of Defense
National Intelligence, Office of the Director
National Labor Relations Board
National Mediation Board
National Science Foundation
National Security Agency-- Department of Defense
National Security Council-- Executive Office of the President
National Tranpsortation Safety Board
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
Occupational Safety & Health Review Commission
Office of Administration-- Executive Office of the President
Office of Government Ethics
Office of Management and Budget-- Executive Office of the President
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Office of Navajo & Hopi Indian Relocation
Office of Personnel Management
Office of Science & Technology Policy-- Executive Office of the President

Office of Special Counsel
Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transporation Project
Office of the Inspector General-- Department of Defense
Office of the Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Office of the Secretary-- Department of Defense
Office of the Vice President-- Executive Office of the President
Office of US Trade Representative-- Executive Office of the President
Overseas Private Investment Corporation
Peace Corps
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
Postal Rate Commission
Railroad Retirement Board
Recovery Accountability & Transparency Board
Securities & Exchange Commission
Selective Service System
Small Business Administration
Social Security Adminstration
Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction
Surface Transporation Board
Tennessee Valley Authority
The President's Council on Bioethics
The Presidio Trust
The White House Office-- Executive Office of the President
Uniformed Services University of the Health Science-- Department of Defense
US Access Board
US Trade & Development Agency

If your agency is not listed here or if you have questions about the standard acronym for your

Acronym
ACUS
ACHP
AFDF
AID
ABMC
ARC
ASC
ARTIC
AFRH
ASBCA
BGSF
BBG
CIA
CSHIB
CCFF
CCR
CFA
CPBSD
CPAHA
CFTC
CPSC
CNCS
CEA
CEQ
CSOSA
DCA
DCAA
DFAS
DISA
DIA
DLA
DNFSB
DSS
DTRA
USDA
DOC
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ARMY
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NAVY
DOT
TREASURY
VA
EAC

EPA
EEOC
EOP
EX-IM BANK
FCA
FCC
FDIC
FEC
FERC
FHFB
FLRA
FMC
FMCS
MSHRC
FRS
FRTIB
FTC
GSA
GAO
HTS
IMLS
IAF
IBWC
IJC
ITC
JMM
JFC
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OIG(DOD)
SIGAR
OS(DOD)
OVP
USTR
OPIC
PEACE
PBGC
PRC
RRB
RAT BOARD
SEC
SSS
SBA
SSA
SIGIR
STB
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SEMIANNUAL REPORT OF PAYMENTS ACCEPTED FROM A NON-FEDERAL SOURCE

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This report implements 31 U.S.C. § 1353. It does not supersede other reports that may have to be filed when travel expenses are accepted under other authority. For definitions and policies, see 41 CFR part 304-1.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

1353 TRAVEL REPORTS

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X REPORTING PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2015- MARCH 31, 2016

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NEGATIVE REPORT

No.	TRAVELER	EVENT DESCRIPTION & EVENT SPONSOR	EVENT DATE(S) [MM/DD/YYYY-MM/DD/YYYY]:	LOCATION AND TRAVEL DATE(S) [MM/DD/YYYY-MM/DD/YYYY]	BENEFIT SOURCE	BENEFIT DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT BY CHECK	PAYMENT IN-KIND	TOTAL AMOUNT
EX	**TRAVELER NAME**	**EVENT DESCRIPTION**	**BEGINNING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**LOCATION**	**BENEFIT SOURCE**				
	John Smith	Conference on Asia-Pacific Relations	8/11/2011	San Francisco, CA	Asia Pacific Forum Pacific Rim Foundation	Hotel		X	$280
	TRAVELER TITLE	**EVENT SPONSOR**	**ENDING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**TRAVEL DATE(S)**		Air Transportation	X		$825
	Secretary	Asia-Pacific Forum	8/12/2011	8/11/2011-8/13/2011		Meals		X	$120
1	**TRAVELER NAME**	**EVENT DESCRIPTION**	**BEGINNING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**LOCATION**	**BENEFIT SOURCE**				
	William H.Durham	Souther Agricultural Cover Crops, Soil Health and Water Management Conference	10/28/2015	Arkansas State University	Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts	Lodging		x	$283.89
	TRAVELER TITLE	**EVENT SPONSOR**	**ENDING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**TRAVEL DATE(S)**					
	Regional Soil Health Specialist	Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts	10/29/2015	10/27/15-10/30/15					
2	**TRAVELER NAME**	**EVENT DESCRIPTION**	**BEGINNING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**LOCATION**	**BENEFIT SOURCE**				
	David W. Smith	International Symposium Entitle "Surface Soil, the Key for Human and Ecosystem"	11/23/2015	Seoul, South Korea	Research Center of Surface Soil Resource Inventory and Integration in South Korea	Common Carrier Lodging		x x	$1,500.00 $1,200.00
	TRAVELER TITLE	**EVENT SPONSOR**	**ENDING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]**	**TRAVEL DATE(S)**		Taxi/Shuttle		x	$100.00
	Deputy Chief, Soil Science and Resource Assessment	Soil Environment Center of the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute, Ministry of Environment, Korea	11/27/2015	11/22/15-11/28/15		Meals		x	$550.00

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3	**TRAVELER NAME** Lisa F. Duriancik	**EVENT DESCRIPTION** Nutrient Management and Edge of Field Monitoring Conference	**BEGINNING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]** 12/1/2015	**LOCATION** Memphis, TN	**BENEFIT SOURCE** Soil and Water Conservation Society	Registration Fee		x	$425.00
	TRAVELER TITLE CEAP, Watersheds Component Leader	**EVENT SPONSOR** Soil and Water Conservation Society	**ENDING DATE [MM/DD/YYYY]** 12/3/2015	**TRAVEL DATE(S)** 12/1/15-12/3/15					