

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

October 27, 2009

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Executive Officer Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs
- FROM: The Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs
- SUBJECT: Delegation of Travel Authority

I. <u>DELEGATION</u>

Under the authority from the Chief Information Officer vested in me by delegation EI/GEN/15, certified December 5, 2008, I hereby delegate to you, and to anyone serving for you in an acting capacity, the authorities described below. These authorities must be exercised in accordance with 41 CFR Chapters 300-304, commonly known as the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR). This delegation covers travel for the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs.

- A. The authority to approve travel within the Continental United States (CONUS) and non-foreign travel areas. The term "non-foreign travel areas" as used in this delegation refers to the States of Alaska and Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States such as American Samoa and the Virgin Islands, and excludes the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.
- B. The authority to certify travel authorizations and travel vouchers for temporary duty including:
 - 1. Authority to approve use of non-contract carriers between defined city pairs.
 - 2. Authority to approve the use of public transportation between defined locations.
 - 3. Authority to approve the use of privately owned conveyances by employees when advantageous to the Government.
 - 4. Authority to approve rental automobile and miscellaneous travel expenses.
 - C. The authority to certify travel authorizations and travel vouchers for permanent changes of station.
 - D. The authority to approve direct flights as indicated by the FTR.

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Unless otherwise noted in future delegations of authority, amendments to the authority cited herein are included within the scope of this delegation.

II. <u>RESERVATIONS</u>

- A. The authority to approve international travel is reserved to the Secretary or his or her delegatee. International travel is travel outside the CONUS and non-foreign travel areas.
- B. The authority to approve premium class travel accommodations, cash travel advances, and actual subsistence expenses over the total allowable per diem rate for each trip in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulation is reserved to the Director, Financial Systems Operations, Office of the Chief Information Officer, or his or her delegatee.
- C. The authority to certify one's own travel and voucher expenses is reserved to the Principal Officer.

III. <u>REDELEGATION</u>

No further redelegation is authorized.

IV. <u>CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

The delegation is effective upon certification by the Department's Principal Delegations Control Officer and supersedes delegation EJ/EJ/36. I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this delegation taken by addressee prior to the date of certification.

> /s/ Gabriella Gomez

Certified Date: 10/29/2009 Departmental Delegations Control Officer: /s/ Naty G. Beetle Control Number: EJ/EJ/39