

Argonne National Laboratory Prime Contract**Part II. Section I. Contract Clauses**

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Clause I.71 - DEAR 952.251-70 Contractor Employee Travel Discounts (Jun 1995)

Consistent with contract-authorized travel requirements, Contractor employees shall make use of the travel discounts offered to Federal travelers, through use of contracted airlines discount air fares, hotels and motels lodging rates and car rental companies, when use of such discounts would result in lower overall trip costs and the discounted services are reasonably available to Contractor employees performing official Government contract business. Vendors providing these services may require that the Contractor employee traveling on Government business be furnished with a letter of identification signed by the authorized Contracting Officer.

- (a) Contracted airlines. Airlines participating in travel discounts are listed in the Federal Travel Directory (FTD), published monthly by the General Services Administration (GSA). Regulations governing the use of contracted airlines are contained in the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), 41 CFR Part 301-15, Travel Management Programs. It stipulates that cost-reimbursable Contractor employees may obtain discount air fares by use of a Government Transportation Request (GTR), Standard Form 1169, cash or personal credit cards. When the GTR is used, Contracting Officers may issue a blanket GTR for a period of not less than two weeks nor more than one month. In unusual circumstances, such as prolonged or international travel, the Contracting Officer may extend the period for which a blanket GTR is effective to a maximum of three months. Contractors will ensure that their employees traveling under GTR provide the GTR number to the contracted airlines for entry on individual tickets and on month-end billings to the Contractor.
- (b) Hotels/motels. Participating hotels and motels which extend discounts are listed in the FTD, which shows rates, facilities, and identifies by code those which offer reduced rates to cost-reimbursable Contractor employees while traveling on official contract business.
- (c) Car rentals. The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) Department of Defense, negotiates rate agreements with car rental companies for special flat rates and unlimited mileage. Participating car rental companies which offer these terms to cost-reimbursable Contractor employees while traveling on official contract business are listed in the FTD.
- (d) Procedures for obtaining service.
 - (1) Identification and method of payment requirements for participating Federal contracted airlines are listed in the FTR. Travel discount air fares may be ordered by the issuance of a GTR either directly to the Contractor, or to a Scheduled Airline Travel Office (SATO) or Federal Travel Management Center

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(FTMC), provided the letter of identification signed by the cognizant Contracting Officer accompanies the order. In appropriate instances, such as geographical proximity, Contractors may obtain discount air fares through a DOE office or a cooperating local travel agency when neither a SATO or FTMC is available. Some airlines allow the purchase of discounted air fares with cash or credit card.

- (2) In the case of hotel and motel accommodations, reservations may be made by the Contractor employee directly with the hotel or motel but the employee must display, on arrival, the letter of identification and any other identification required by the hotel or motel proprietorship.
 - (3) For car rentals, generally the same procedures as in (d)(2) above will be followed in arranging reservations and obtaining discounts.
- (e) Standard letter of identification. Contractors shall prepare for the authorizing Contracting Officer a letter of identification based on the following format:

FORMAT FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS TO QUALIFY FOR TRAVEL DISCOUNTS (TO BE TYPED ON AGENCY OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD)

To: (Source of ticketing, accommodations or rental)

Subject: Official Travel of Government Contractor

(Full name of traveler), bearer of this letter, is an employee of (company name) which is under contract to this agency under the Government contract (contract number). During the period of the contract (give dates), the employee is eligible and authorized to use available discount rates for contract-related travel in accordance with your contract and/or agreement with the Federal Government.

(Signature, title and telephone number of the Contracting Officer)