

**UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON CONFERENCE SPENDING
FISCAL YEAR 2015**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has a responsibility to act as a careful steward of taxpayer dollars, ensuring that federal funds are used for purposes that are appropriate, cost effective, and important to the core mission of the agency. One area of focus that federal agencies must exercise discretion and judgment is in the planning of conferences. CPSC has policies and controls in place associated with conference-related activities and expenses to mitigate the risk of inappropriate spending. Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget requires agencies to report publicly on all conference expenses in excess of \$100,000.

Below is a summary of information regarding all agency-sponsored conferences from fiscal year 2015 where the net expenses for the CPSC associated with the conference were in excess of \$100,000.

Conference Name: Quantify Exposure to Engineered Nanomaterials (QEEN) from Manufactured Products Workshop

Dates: July 7-8, 2015

Location: Holiday Inn Rosslyn @ Key Bridge, 1900 N fort Myer Dr, Arlington, VA 22209

Number of Participants Attending: 272 (116 by webcast)

Purpose: The QEEN from Manufactured Products Workshop was hosted by the CPSC and co-hosted by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI). The conference assembled more than 150 international experts from federal agencies, academia, industry, and non-governmental organizations, in person, with an additional 116 attendees watching via webcast. The purpose of the workshop was to assess the progress of the research community in developing tools and methods for quantifying exposure to engineered nanomaterials (ENs), and to identify new research needed to advance exposure assessment for nano-enabled consumer products. The proceedings of the workshop have been compiled into a robust report that provides a state-of-the-science assessment of potential exposures from nano-enabled products, which will inform the general public, industry, researchers and CPSC staff as they work to develop the proposed CPSC Nanotechnology Center that is presented in the agency's FY 2017 budget request. Other outcomes of the workshop included enhancement of the US-EU Community of Research Working Group, and progress toward meeting identified data gaps needed to develop responsibly the emerging science of nanotechnology and adequately protect consumers using nano-enabled products.

Number of individuals whose expenses were paid by CPSC: 24

Total Conference Expenses Incurred by CPSC: \$107,000 (FY 2014 and FY 2015 funds)