

Partnership Advisory Group

PAG News

Summer 2010

PAG Vision Statement

To establish lines of communication and enhance partnership opportunities between the State of California, the travel industry (airlines, rental cars, hotels) and Statewide Travel and Meeting Management Program (STAMMP) participants under a single organization.

PAG Mission Statement

To share travel information, provide updates, develop solutions and assist in the marketing of STAMMP to potential customers.

Date to Remember

Next PAG Meeting:
September 7, 2010

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Working Together

Coming together is a beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is success!" That quote came from Henry Ford. His personal and corporate achievements with Ford Motor Company were attained by people working together through thick and thin to develop one of the most important technical advancements of the world—the automobile. The Ford Motor Company continues to thrive today even during these difficult economic times.

The State of California is also faced by strained economic times. In times of fiscal uncertainty and hardship, government by itself can not be the answer to all the State's woes. As Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger stated in his 2008 State of the State address, it's time for public and private partnerships to come together to work on new and innovative solutions to bring California back to its Golden sheen.

The DGS Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) gives us an opportunity to assist in this endeavor. Forging new partnerships and enhancing existing ones is what the PAG is all about. We will strive to introduce new initiatives and ideas that will incorporate new technology and best practices to make government travel more efficient and at the same time produce significant savings for the taxpayers of California.

We will give you updates and information on a regular basis with PAG News. If you have any news or interesting stories to share with the group, please send them to Ceci Perez Dunn and we will make sure they are included in subsequent editions of PAG News.

As 2010 winds down, we look for a more prosperous and successful 2011! Thank you for your interest, expertise, and above all, your commitment to make a positive change to the way we manage government travel in California.

Greg

Newest Participant to the Statewide Travel Program

- City of Artesia
- Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- Santa Barbara Unified School District
- Turlock Unified School District
- West Basin Municipal Water District

PAG Members

- Ray Asbell, DPA
- Bill Amaral, CalSTRS
- Tom Billone, United Airlines
- Leo Black, DSS
- Doug Browne, American Express
- Stacy Burd, JetBlue Airways
- Brian Dean, La Quinta Management
- Pete dePaschalis, Avis/Budget
- Lee Dorey, Cal EMA
- Bill Essick, Alaska/Horizon
- Jeff Haag, Southwest Airlines
- Lisa Holmes, Enterprise
- Libby Kent, CSU at LA
- Nina Lemke, Marriott
- Monica Mello, CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- Beverly Ramirez, Voyager
- Jill Santos, CA Dept. of Education
- Mike Sweeney, State Controller's Office
- Pam Tebo, City of San Francisco

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News and Updates

- o The Cal TravelStore webpage is available at <http://www.caltravelstore.com/>. Via this site, government travelers can make reservations for airline tickets, cars, rail, shuttle and guest room accommodations through the online booking tool, Cliqbook.
- o Work continues on Phase 2 of the Travel Management Services Initiative.
- o Cal EMA Undersecretary Frank McCarton gave kudos to the Statewide Travel Program for their assistance in the delivery of critical satellite phones to quake-stricken Chile.
- o JetBlue CEO David Barger, in celebration of JetBlue's 10th year anniversary, visited the Statewide Travel Program to discuss business travel initiatives and trends.
- o CMMP's Meeting and Conference Specialist Lauren Richardson was quoted in the nationally distributed August 2010 *Smart Meetings* magazine featured article titled "Psst...Have you Heard about Northern California?" Lauren's comments were specifically focused on the meeting resources here in Sacramento.

Testimonials

Statewide Travel Program (STP)

"The STP staff demo of the new Statewide Travel Program yesterday was very thorough and were very well received by all of our committee members. Staff answered all of the questions the committee members had and went above and beyond to make sure we will have the best service available in case we need future assistance." - County of Santa Clara, 2010

"This is an excellent program with valuable information about what the hotel offers in amenities but also their rates for state employees and terms. Ease of use; like being able to access the itinerary any time!" - Department of Health Care Services, 2010

California Meeting Management Program (CMMP)

"The CBA is pleased with the services received from CMMP. We look forward to future business. Many thanks to CMMP staff for their efficiency.." - CA Board of Accountancy, CA Department of Consumer Affairs, 2010

"CMMP Staff assistance was extraordinary and beyond what I would have expected. All my questions and concerns were answered and resolved immediately. Our workshop was successful in large part due to CMMP staff." - CA Department of Public Health, 2009