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Steven J. Kelleher
Acting Commissioner

February 9, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1) Authorize Bill (Roger) Poulin, Technical Support Specialist V, of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), to attend the IBM Northeast Users Group Conference (NEUGC) to be held March 30 through April 1, 2015 in Framingham, MA, effective upon Governor and Council approval.
- 2) Further authorize him, pursuant to RSA 4:8, and Administrative Rule 311.10, to accept complimentary admission in the amount of \$575 from the NEUGC.

EXPLANATION

The eight user groups of the Northeast, from the states of CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT have joined together to host a yearly IBM i Power Systems technical conference in Framingham, MA. These eight user groups bring together all of the different facets of this event in order to present a conference that provides a wide array of speakers and subject matter for the IBM i Power systems community. These conferences are an enriching experience for attendees providing training, technology reviews, an exchange of ideas, workshops, and networking on their professional subject matter – the IBM i Power system environment.

Bill (Roger) Poulin, a technical specialist, supports the IBM i Power Systems at the Department of Revenue Administration. This conference is geared specifically toward education about the IBM i Power Systems hardware and software, which Bill (Roger) Poulin supports. This type of education will help him to maintain and expand his knowledge of the systems he is tasked with supporting. Bill is the only full-time IBM i system administrator in DoIT. In exchange for his complimentary admission to this conference, he has been working as a volunteer with NEUGC.

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Expenses for the event include:

Admission: Complimentary
Hotel: None
Auto Mileage: None

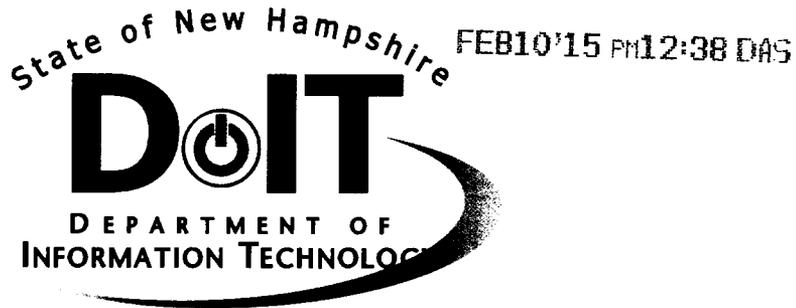
The Department of Information Technology respectfully asks for approval of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Kelleher

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A&E RID #16697
DoIT 2015-127



JUSTIFICATION FOR TRAINING & TRAVEL

REQUESTED ACTION

Employee Name and Title: **Bill (Roger) Poulin, Technical Support Specialist V**

Date of Travel: 3/30/2015 – 4/01/2015

Destination: Framingham, MA

Portion Paid to Date (non-refundable): \$0

Justification:

This conference is geared specifically toward education about the IBM System i hardware and software, which Bill Poulin supports. This type of education will help him to maintain and expand his knowledge of the systems he is tasked with supporting. Bill is the only full-time IBM i system administrator in DoIT.

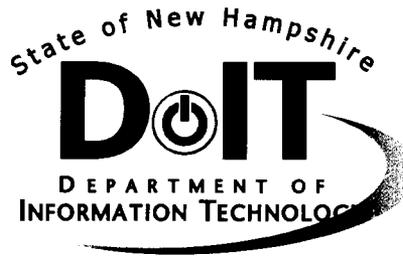
The following questions need to be addressed:

1. Is the travel required by law, court order or some other mandate? If yes, explain.
No
2. If more then one person is included in this request, explain the need or requirement for the additional person(s) traveling in addition to the one.
N/A
3. Are there any other individuals included in this travel who are not general funded? If yes, list the names, titles and funding sources.
No
4. How does the acceptance or denial of this request affect services provided?

It is expected that attending this training will enhance Bill's ability to support the IBM i systems at the Department of Revenue.

5. If the travel is to attend an annual meeting, training or conference, for how many years has someone attended this annual event?

This conference has been attended by Bill Poulin for the last 7 years.



STAFF TRAINING & TRAVEL REQUEST

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Name: <u>Bill (Roger) Poulin</u>	Date of Request: <u>01/09/2015</u>
Phone: <u>603 230-5989</u>	
Position: <u>Technical Support Specialist V</u>	
Division/Bureau: <u>Operations</u>	Supervisor: <u>Joe Evans</u>
Unit: <u>MFT</u>	Phone: <u>603 223-5739</u>

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Northeast User Groups Conference
 Course Date: 3/30/2015 - 4/01/2015
 Course Location: Framingham, MA
 Vendor/Facilitator: NEUGC

JUSTIFICATION

Please provide detailed information relative to course objectives; and expected knowledge, skills and abilities to be gained by the employee.

How will this training support the objectives of DoIT and its customers?
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COSTS/TRANSPORTATION

Other Costs would include items such as fees for tolls and course materials.

Course Registration Fee: 0
 Hotel: \$0
 Meals: \$ 0
 Parking: \$ 0
 State Vehicle provided for Travel: Yes No
 Estimated Overtime: 0 hours (Note: Please refer to DoIT's Overtime Policy for travel and training/conference overtime guidelines.)
 Estimated Mileage: 100 miles Estimated Reimbursement \$ 0.00
 Other Costs: \$ 0

TOTAL COST: \$ 0

Is DoIT Funding Requested: Yes No

If Yes, provide the DoIT Funding Information: 010-003-7 7 0 3-0 8 0-0 7 1 4 Job #: 0 3 8 4 0 0 0 2

If No, Is another State Agency paying Yes No

If Yes, provide the Other Agency's Funding: _____ Job #: _____

If No, explain: Bill volunteers with this group and maintains the mailing database as well as assisting with registration. In return, he receives conference entry, meals and lodging at no charge. He also drives his own vehicle.

If you need an Appropriation or Job Number, please contact your Division Director or IT Leader.

APPROVAL

	Approved By (initials)	Denied By (initials)	Reason
Immediate Supervisor Name: <u>Joe Evans</u>	<u>JME</u>	_____	_____
Division Director Name: <u>Wendy Pouliot</u>	<u>WP</u>	_____	_____



January 12, 2015

Bill Poulin
Technical Support Specialist, Operations
System Administration
NH Department of Information Technology

Re: NEUGC Conference 2015

As a way of showing our appreciation for your volunteer effort in support of the Northeast User Groups Conference (NEUGC) you are entitled to a Complimentary Registration (a \$575.00 value) to the conference on March 30- April 01, 2015. This complimentary registration includes meals and lodging.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance in making this conference a success. Without the continued effort of volunteers like you this conference would not be possible.

Paul J. Rogers
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Welcome NEUGC Attendees!

The 25th annual Northeast User Groups conference will be held on March 30 through April 1, 2015 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel in Framingham, MA. Please refer to [Hotel Information](#) to learn more about the Sheraton Hotel.

The conference is a three-day event. Various seminars and workshops are available on the first conference day. The second and third day of the conference are dedicated to breakout sessions, with a vendor Expo featuring some of the premier IBM business partners from around the world. The evening of the first full day (Tuesday) will feature either a keynote address from a prominent industry person or a fun evening spent networking with your peers (activities vary per year). Please refer to [Conference Agenda](#) and [Tracks and Sessions](#) for current conference information.

For planning purposes, the cost of the conference is approximately \$500.00 to \$650.00 per attendee, depending on options selected for additional seminars and workshops and the time at which you register. There is an early registration discount option. Note: For pricing information please refer to our current conference registration information.

Rooms at the Sheraton are approximately \$158/\$168 per night for single or double occupancy. Please call the hotel for current pricing and be sure to mention that you'll be attending the conference.

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Monday

2:30 - 8:30 PM Registration
 4:00 - 8:30 PM In-Depth Seminars
 6:00 - 6:30 PM Light Meal

Tuesday

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration
 7:30 AM - 2:45 PM Vendor Expo
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Educational Sessions
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Vendor Expo
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Networking Reception & Buffet
 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Fun Casino Night

Wednesday

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Registration
 7:30 AM - 2:15 PM Vendor Expo
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Sessions



[View the 2015 Conference Brochure](#)

Tuesday Casino Night

Join us Tuesday evening for a fun and entertaining casino night with Craig Sutton Entertainment. Relax, have fun, network and exchange ideas with your friends, colleagues, speakers, and IBM i experts after a long day in class. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening.



Conference Tracks and Sessions

Over 70 Sessions in Five Skills Categories

Because NEUGC offers so many sessions and labs, it's easy to get lost in our schedule. To help you get the most out of your days, we've indicated five skills categories to keep you on track. Of course, you are welcome to choose sessions from any track at any time based on your interests.

Programming Tools [View Sessions](#)

This track is intended for programmers. If you write new software or maintain existing RPG applications, you'll learn about the latest techniques for RPG IV and ILE. Plus, no matter what language you use, you will want experience with the Rational Development Tools that will make you more productive. New this year are sessions to help you further your knowledge of Ruby on Rails and Linux.

SQL and Database [View Sessions](#)

Learn the latest techniques for using SQL (Structured Query Language), the modern way to manage your data.

Systems Management [View Sessions](#)

This track includes sessions on upgrade planning, performance tuning, high availability, Logical Partition (LPAR) considerations and sessions on the Hardware Management Console (HMC), Navigator for i, and other systems management tools provided with the IBM i operating system.

Web Development & Mobile Computing [View Sessions](#)

The Web Development and Mobile Computing track helps programmers familiar with RPG and 5250 embrace new technologies and integrate them with their legacy applications. Learn the latest on the popular PHP programming language.

Security [View Sessions](#)

From the beginning, security was designed as an integral part of the IBM i operating system. These sessions will help you take the best advantage of the platform's inherent security features.



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Hotel Information

The Sheraton Framingham is conveniently located just 18 miles from downtown Boston. There are 375 newly-renovated guest rooms and suites, which include the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed as well as a 32" flat screen HD television. There is also a heated indoor pool on-site, and exercise facilities are available at the MetroWest Fitness and Aquatic Club.

The recent expansion and renovation of the Conference Center space makes this an ideal location for NEUGC.

For room reservations please use the following link to register for room nights at the Sheraton:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NortheastUserGroup2015>

The 2015 NEUGC Conference room rate is \$158/\$168 (single/double) per night.

If you encounter any problems or if you have any questions about your reservation please contact the Sheraton directly at 508.879.7200 and ask for the Front Desk (do not use the national Sheraton Reservation system). If you continue to have problems please contact [Karen Toney](#) for assistance.

Location:

Sheraton Framingham Hotel
1657 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA
(508) 879-7200 www.sheraton.com/framingham