

Re: Pending travel authorizations

This material is part of a collection that documents the harassment, discrimination, and retaliation perpetrated against Alaska's women research scientists by their supervisor, with full knowledge (and arguably, "tacit approval") of their federal employer, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

From: "Cindy Bower" <Cindy.Bower@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Subject: Re: Pending travel authorizations

Date: Wed, May 12, 2010 1:38 pm

To: "Pantoja, Alberto" <Alberto.Pantoja@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Cc: "Hammond, Andrew" <Andrew.Hammond@ARS.USDA.GOV>,"McLellan, Don" <Don.McLellan@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Alberto,

In response to your question, yes I would like to attend the FEW conference in July.

As you are aware, the projected expenditures associated with the aquaculture's move to Kodiak are overwhelmingly related to Peter's lab, equipment, technicians and other personnel, not mine. Consequently, I request that you do not continue to curtail my research budget under the guise of funding the upcoming program transfer to Kodiak. Especially since my extreme fiscal responsibility this year (almost non-existent travel, elimination of one IDP-approved training, no temporary technical support prior to hiring a permanent tech next year, etc...) has not exacerbated the current budgetary problems you describe.

However, I have been advised that ARS has given you the power to decrease and even eliminate my resources. I just wanted to get it on the record that it is happening and that I object.

Cindy

On 5/12/10 8:59 AM, "Pantoja, Alberto" <Alberto.Pantoja@ARS.USDA.GOV> wrote:

> Cindy/Peter

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> Listed below are two travel request pending approval. Overall available funds
> in the Aquaculture program are very limited. There are many upcoming costs
> associated with the move to Kodiak (establishing your lab, travel to Kodiak
> (current techs & post-doc) to assist in setting up equipment, vendors who will
> be required to assist in connecting equipment, purchasing workstations for
> technicians, back-up batteries, chemicals, supporting daily operations, etc.),
> not to mention unknown costs, that have to be considered when approving travel
> authorizations. Please confirm that the below trip(s) are your top priority
> and understand that future travel may be disallowed if funds are not
> available.

> 1. Bower; Federally Employed Women, 41st National Training Program, New
> Orleans, July13-15, 2010.

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> 2. Bechtel, IFTC 10, Chicago, Illinois, July 16-20, 2010

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> Please confirm your preference by COB May 14, 2010.

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