

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Executive Council
Title of Travel	George W. Bush North American Working Group Final Session and North American Strategy for Competitiveness Continental Reunion
Location	Dallas, Texas, USA
Date(s)	November 14 - 16, 2016
Participants	Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan James Parker, Senior Communications Advisor
Purpose of Travel	George W. Bush North American Working Group Meeting and Moderated Panel at the North American Strategy for Competitiveness Continental Reunion
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees) Note: Airfare paid by George W. Bush Institute – North America Working Group	n/a
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)	\$211.87
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees) Note: Accommodation paid by George W. Bush Institute – North America Working Group	\$161.77
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$239.37
Conference & Registration Fees	n/a
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)	n/a
Subtotal	\$613.01
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	n/a
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	n/a
Subtotal	\$0
TOTAL	\$613.01

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Saskatchewan, as one of the most trade dependent provinces in Canada, is a strong supporter of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The government believes NAFTA has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the economies of Canada, Mexico and the United States.

In 2015, the George W. Bush Institute convened the North America Working Group to analyze areas where the U.S., Canada, and Mexico can improve economic integration. The Working Group is composed of academics, business leaders and government officials from each country. Premier Wall was invited to participate in a panel discussion on competitiveness.

In November 2016, Premier Wall returned to Dallas to finalize the recommendations of the North America Working Group. Premier Wall had two official speaking/moderator roles. The Premier provided remarks on the “Outlook and Vision for North America in 2017 and Beyond” and also moderated a panel discussion at the North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO) Continental Reunion, which was held in part at the George W. Bush Institute. NASCO is a non-profit, voluntary coalition of North American governments, businesses and educational institutions working to enhance commercial corridors and trade networks.