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I assume that Tracy is correct and that we should not attempt to obtain permission to feed our guests or to ply them with coffee. However, I would assume that it is entirely appropriate under government regulations to offer an honorarium (or consultant's fee) to these people who will, after all, be giving their valuable time to help the government perform its work. Can we offer them an honorarium that will provide the wherewithall to treat them the way they should be treated?To: David Marwell/ARRB, Tom Samoluk/ARRB, Sheryl Walter/ARRB, Jeremy Gunn/ARRBcc: From: Tracy Shycoff/ARRBDate: 02/22/95 12:32:20 PMSubject: experts conferenceI spoke with Leslie Wilson, GSA counsel for external services, about the possibility of providing meals/coffee for the experts conference. In short, the answer is no. There is a federal reg. dealing with training that sometimes allows food service, but this type of meeting would not qualify under that reg. She also advised me that those types of expenses by commissions/boards are being looked at very closely these days and strongly advised against trying to get around this reg.We can look at the possibility of bringing in lunch and having people pay for it at the time, but this can get to be a logistical hassle. If you want to explore other options, please let me know and I'll see what I can do to help. (Please note that folks on travel orders will be provided with a per diem of \$38 per 24 hour period.)

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