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Accounts Payable & Travel Updates

American Airlines Unused Tickets

American Airlines has acknowledged the State Travel's refund request

Reconciling/accounting for the eligible unused tickets

Journal entries will be processed to credit the original accounts once the refund is received

Travel Agency

Contracted travel agency is Christopherson Business Travel (CBT)

CBT UNIVERSITY TRAVEL TEAM

Monday — Friday 7a.m. — 7p.m. CT P: 800-961-0720

E: <u>Statelaunivl@CBTravel.com</u>

Summary of pertinent information:

- 1. Christopherson Business Travel normal business hours are 7:00am to 7:00pm CST Monday-Friday.
- 2. The agent-assisted transaction fee is \$24.
- 3. Any calls to (800) 961-0720 made between 7pm and 7am CST will roll over to the After-Hours Service Provider. After-Hour services should be for limited to true emergencies. Airfare bookings should be made during normal business hours.

CBT Concur Online Booking System

- Link to CBT Concur Online Booking System is located on myLSU under Travel Resources.
- Upon myLSU login and clicking the link, users will land on the Header screen in Airportal.
- Users must click, Book a Trip on the left-hand side of the screen to be taken into the Concur site.
- □ Online booking fee is \$7.



All new employees traveling on behalf of the University should be familiar with the University travel regulations.

Travel Orientation Brochure – a great resource that provides a brief summary of PM-13, University Travel Regulations. The brochure is available on the AP & Travel website.

Travel Restrictions and/or Approvals

Reminder: Important Information regarding University Business Travel

- **D** Travelers are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated prior to any travel.
- □ It is the responsibility of faculty/staff/students to consider the travel risk, especially at the destination before traveling.
- Any COVID-related travel expenses for quarantine and/or test while on University business travel will be considered a University expense.

Travel Approvals

- Domestic Travel (In-state & Out-of-State):
 - Spend Authorization must be completed and approved prior to making travel arrangements (booking air fare, securing lodging, paying conference registration, etc.)
- International Travel (Out of the U.S.):
 - Non-essential international business travel is prohibited
 - Only essential international travel should be requested via the TEMP2, Request for International Travel during COVID-19 Outbreak form which requires approval of the Department Head, Dean, and Provost
 - Spend Authorization must be completed and approved prior to making any travel arrangements (i.e., booking airfare, securing lodging, paying conference registration, etc.). The approved TEMP 2 form must be attached.