

Ten Reasons I'd like to use professional development funds to attend the Next Generation of Government Summit:

1. Improve Performance Immediately with Tactical Skills

With this training conference, I will learn tactical skills that will improve my performance immediately upon my return to the office. Last year, the summit covered topics like how to be a better public speaker, create excellent PowerPoint presentations, manage staff as well as managing up, and project management.

2. Develop Leadership Capacity

The summit has tons of sessions focusing on developing future leaders (and taking young leaders to higher levels) which is becoming even more essential as government faces a graying workforce. Sessions like mentoring with SESers, Innovation, Career Coaching and Career Advice.

3. Leverage Best Practices & Build a Network of Government Innovators

There is no reason agencies should work in silos. There are a ton of best practices across government and tons of passionate government employees doing great work that we can all learn from. At the summit, the speakers will be highlighting best practices in a range of essential topics from IT to HR or acquisition and project management that I will bring back to share with my colleagues. Furthermore, I will have the opportunity to connect with other attendees and build a network with other government innovators that I can call on if I need help with a specific task or project.

4. Energize and Engage Staff

Don't you want an energized and inspired me? Last year, the summit attendees stated that one of the best parts of Next Gen. Gov't 2010 was being around other passionate, engaged government employees. Many attendees mentioned that the summit reminded them of why they came into public service and returned to their offices even more motivated and committed to their mission.

5. Connect Your Talented Core

It'd be great if I could experience this with fellow colleagues. Last year there were several agencies who sent 10, 20 or even 50 of their rising leaders. By going as a cohort, they were able to connect and build bridges within their own agency departments and institutionalize the ideas they came away with from the Next Gen. Gov't Summit.

6. It's Designed by Managers to Meet your Needs

In addition to the founders who are leading young government networks in various agencies, this year the summit's board encompasses GS-15 program managers, SES HR leaders, political appointees and Federal Executive Board leaders. With their knowledge and input the agenda is packed full of information they want their staff to learn.

7. Enhance Health and Financial Knowledge

Is it true that you'd like me to be a physically and financially healthy employee? This summit will help! With sessions like "living a healthy lifestyle" to "becoming more financially literate" I will walk away with the tools to understand my insurance, TSP, eating healthy, tips on stress relief and much more.

8. Retain your Gen Y Leaders

#1 request for Gen Y is more professional development opportunities. By training your team, you increase their job satisfaction which leads to increased retention.

9. Meets training Requirements

Attendees will receive CEUs and official training certificates certified by the Graduate School that will count toward training requirements such as PMP and PMF hours (to name a few).

10. It's Affordable

Most training conferences are in the \$800 - \$2,000 price range. This summit is only \$595 (pre discounts) and this is only to cover costs to ensure awesome training, quality, space, material and food.