## Special Report

## Niroomand takes a NASBITE out of the Budget

An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Travel

This Special Report examines two trips to the NASBITE International (North American Small Business International Trade Educators) conference made by CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand. These trips were made in 2002 and 2003, respectively. The first of these two trips was made to San Francisco in April of 2002, as the top portion of the **Employee Travel Voucher** filed by Niroomand (see below) indicates.

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER	Employee	EE INSTRUCTIONS ON
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	Address To Which Check Should Be Sent	Box 5021 Hattiesburg, MS
Purpose and Place of Visit To attend the NASBITE meeting in San Francisco, CA	Dept. College of Others On Trip	of Business Adm. No

The meals/lodging portion of this trip consumed \$877.40, as the table inserted below shows:

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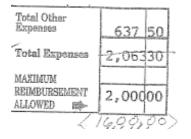
Travel by personal vehicle and by public carrier added up to more than \$500 on this NASBITE trip, as the table below shows:

4/10/02     Hattiesburg, MS     New Orleans, LA airport     130 /20       4/14/02     New Orleans, LA Airport     Hattiesburg, MS     130 /20		DNAL VEHICLE (Did you use University	rehicle? □Yes □No)	10031 146818	and Lodging	882 40
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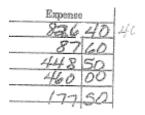
The "Other Expenses" portion of this trip consumed as much as some faculty trips consume in total. The "Other Expenses" tab for this NASBITE trip came to \$637.50, as indicated below:

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Item	Date	Place Where Expense Incurred	Amount	[]
Registration Fees	4/10-14/02	San Francisco	440 00	
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Parking/Tolls		San Francisco	96 50	
Car Rental	4/10-14/02	New Orleans, LA Airport	60 00	
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Check Category of Travel 3 through 5 require Permission	n To Travel Form)	Report all expenditures including those expenses paid for with a travel advance.	Total Other Expenses	637 50

The totals shown on Niroomand's travel voucher are presented below (total = \$2,000):



This trip by Niroomand required 5 pots of money (see below).



The second of Niroomand's NASBITE trips was made in April of 2003, to San Antonio, as shown below:

EMPLOYEE	IMPORTANT-SEE INSTRUCTIC ON BACK Employee Farhang Niroomand
TRAVEL VOUCHER	The travel reimbursement check will be mailed to paycheck, or advice (check stub) is mailed.
Purpose and Place of Visit Attend the annual meeting of NASBITE	CBA.
San Antonio, TX	Omers On Trip

Again, the meals/lodging total is more than \$800, as shown in the table just below:

MEALS AND LA		4 /10 /00	4/14/02	4/15/03	4/16/03			Total
Date	4/12/03	4/13/03	4/14/03			AM-PM	AM-PM	
Departure Time	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	ZAM-PM	AM-PM			
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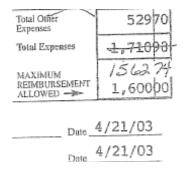
The travel totals (by personal vehicle and public carrier) came in much lower for this second NASBITE trip. The total on this occasion was about \$250, as shown below:

Date	From	ty vehicle?  Yes No) To	Miles		802.
/12/03 /16/03	Hattiesburg, MS New Orleans Airport	New Orleans Airport Hattiesburg, MS	130 (20 130 XZ-		914
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Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amount	
/12/03	New Orleans, LA San Antonio, TX	San Antonio, TX New Orleans, LA	AIR	By Public Carrier	

However, the "Other Expenses" total required about as much travel funding as a complete trip might, as shown below:

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The total for this second NASBITE meeting was \$1,562.74. That total can be found in the small table below:



This NASBITE trip required on additional money pot, for a total of six money pots, as shown below:

Expense	
600	00
86	40
160	00
.395	20
118	90
	44

Niroomand was reimbursed a total of \$3,562.74 for these two NASBITE trips.