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## FARHANG NIROOMAND'S FALL 2010 TRIP TO THE USDE

New documents coming into USMNEWS.net's [travel reports bureau](#) indicate that Farhang Niroomand, the former CoB associate dean who now serves as [the top man](#) in the University of Houston – Victoria's [business school](#), made another trip to the U.S. Department of Education in Oct/Nov-2010. The first page of documents related to this 2010 trip shows just how complicated Niroomand's travel can get:

<b>Voucher</b>									
<b>Business Unit:</b>		00765			<b>PO ID:</b>				
<b>Voucher ID:</b>		00065779							
<b>Vendor ID:</b>		0000083841							
<b>Name:</b>		FARHANG NIROOMAND							
<b>Address:</b>		1 13 Meadow View Victoria TX 77904-1676 USA							
<b>Vendor Class:</b>		Employee - State/Student							
<b>Invoice ID:</b>		SBUNIRO110110							
<b>Contract ID:</b>									
<b>Invoice Receipt Date:</b> 11/03/2010					<b>Invoice Date:</b> 11/01/2010				
<b>Goods Receipt Date:</b> 11/01/2010					<b>Acceptance Date:</b> 11/01/2010				
<b>PCC:</b>		1							
<b>Bank:</b>		BOAV							
<b>Scheduled Due Date:</b>		11/05/2010							
<b>Gross Amount:</b>		\$739.65							
<b>Old Voucher Comments:</b>									
<b>New Voucher Comments:</b> NIROOMAND: FLEW TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO MEET WITH THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION AND THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND UHV. TRAVEL WAS FROM 10/28/10-11/01/10. DR. NIROOMAND STAYED WITH A COLLEAGUE THEREFORE NOT HOTEL COSTS. THE TAXI TO AND FROM THE COLLEAGUES HOME FOR THE AIRPORT AND THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION (\$162.50) WAS MORE ECONOMICAL THAN THE COST OF A HOTEL IN WASHINGTON DC FOR FOUR NIGHTS. B/P: TO MEET WITH THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION TO WORK ON GETTING GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND U									
<b>Payment Comments:</b>									
<b>Handling:</b>		BP			<b>Source:</b>		PRV		
<b>Budget Check:</b>		Valid Budget Check							
<b>Acct./Desc.</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Prog.</b>	<b>Bud. Ref.</b>	<b>Proj.</b>	<b>Chartfield 1</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	
56415	2064	V0019	A0304	BP2011	NA		415.80	NIROOMAND, F TSBUNIRO110110	
cdv-out of sta-pub trans-empl									
56412	2064	V0019	A0304	BP2011	NA		15.60	NIROOMAND, F TSBUNIRO110110	
cdv-out of sta incidentals									
56409	2064	V0019	A0304	BP2011	NA		144.95	NIROOMAND, F TSBUNIRO110110	
cdv-out-of-sta mileage									
56413	2064	V0019	A0304	BP2011	NA		163.30	NIROOMAND, F TSBUNIRO110110	
cdv-out of sta-per diem meal &									
<b>Signatures</b>					<b>Date</b>				
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On the page inserted above, Niroomand indicates to UH-V financial officers that his 5-day trip to D.C., covering 28-Oct-2010 through 1-Nov-2010, will not require lodging reimbursement because Niroomand lodged with “a colleague,” a [familiar term](#) to those [who have followed](#) Niroomand's [domestic](#) and international movements over the past decade or so. Even so, Niroomand spent more than \$162 on cab rides during the weeklong stay. Note also the sloppy preparation in the insert above, which states that Niroomand “[f]lew to Washington D.C. to meet with . . . the grant proposal for the school of business and UHV.” According to this page of reports, Texas taxpayers remained “on the hook” for almost \$750 in expenses.

PS Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Created By: 0178823 Field,Mary E

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02	A	11/11/2010 08:39 AM	0133752 Caylor,Kathleen Marshall


Comments

11-05-10 04:13 PM: Field,Mary E: NIROOMAND: FLEW TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO MEET WITH THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION AND THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND UHV. TRAVEL WAS FROM 10:25-11/01/10. DR. NIROOMAND STAYED WITH A COLLEAGUE THEREFORE NOT HOTEL COSTS. THE TAXI TO AND FROM THE COLLEAGUES HOME FOR THE AIRPORT AND THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION (\$162.50) WAS MORE ECONOMICAL THAN THE COST OF A HOTEL IN WASHINGTON DC FOR FOUR NIGHTS. EPT TO MEET WITH THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION TO WORK ON GETTING GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND UHV.

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11-05-10 04:38 PM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Deny: Niroomand,Farahing  
11-05-10 04:39 PM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Approve: Field,Mary E  
11-08-10 04:31 PM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Approve: LaBreeque,Suzanne V  
11-09-10 08:42 AM: Caylor,Kathleen Marshall: Email notification to Mary Field to verify the following - during Dr. Niroomand's stay in Washington,DC did he conduct business of 10/30/10 (Saturday) and 10/31/10 (Sunday)? If he did not, he cannot be reimbursed any monies on those two days. If this is the case, then, please adjust reimbursement amount by those two daily totals of \$76.20 each, making total reimbursement actually \$739.65. If he did conduct business, it needs to be explained as to what, how, when, why, etc.

11-09-10 09:42 AM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Deny: Caylor,Kathleen Marshall: Denied at request of Mary Field.  
11-09-10 11:22 AM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Approve: Field,Mary E  
11-10-10 05:20 PM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Approve: LaBreeque,Suzanne V  
11-11-10 08:39 AM: Dept/Coll/Div - Payables Office : Approve: Caylor,Kathleen Marshall

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## Travel Expense Report

See the following website for travel reimbursement information:  
[http://www.uhv.edu/GOP/Gas\\_Offices-3.htm](http://www.uhv.edu/GOP/Gas_Offices-3.htm)

Traveler's Name: Fahsang Nireomand

Travel Req.# SBUNIRC110116

PS Voucher # 65779

Vendor I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	
<b>Travel Dates</b>	10/28/10	10/29/10	10/30/10	10/31/10	11/01/10						
<b>REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST</b>											<b>TOTAL</b>
Traveler's Overhead Expense	253.30										253.30
Traveler's Expense											0.00
Traveler's Mileage											0.00
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total	45.70	71.00			42.60						163.30
Traveler's Expense	72.45				72.70						145.15
Traveler's Mileage	5.50	5.20			5.20						15.90
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total	47.00	71.50			44.00						162.50
Traveler's Expense											0.00
Traveler's Mileage											0.00
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total	427.45	147.70	0.00	0.00	164.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$739.65
<b>UNRECORDED EXPENSES</b>											
Traveler's Expense											0.00
Traveler's Mileage											0.00
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total											0.00
Traveler's Expense											0.00
Traveler's Mileage											0.00
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cumulative</b>											
Traveler's Expense											739.65
Traveler's Mileage											0.00
Traveler's Lodging											0.00
Traveler's Food											0.00
Traveler's Other											0.00
Traveler's Total											\$739.65

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<http://www.uhv.edu/finance/Travel.aspx>  
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Next, the inserts below show the taxi rides taken by Niroomand from the airport to his lodging, and vice-versa. They also show his trips from lodging to the USDE, and vice-versa.

**Springfield Yellow Cab**  
Serving All Fairfax County  
Resident - Mt. Vernon - South Alexandria  
703-451-0200 7030 E. Tenth Lane

From Vienna, VA  
To Ragan Airport

Date 11/1/10  
From Vienna, VA  
To Ragan Airport

Driver # \_\_\_\_\_ Cab # \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Account # 844.00

**Springfield Yellow Cab**  
Serving All Fairfax County  
Resident - Mt. Vernon - South Alexandria  
703-451-0200 7030 E. Tenth Lane

From Ragan Airport  
To Vienna, VA

Date 10/28/10  
From Ragan Airport  
To Vienna, VA

Driver # \_\_\_\_\_ Cab # \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Account # 847.00

RECEIVED  
NOV 03 2010

TAXI TO AND  
FROM AIRPORT

**YELLOW CAB**  
COMPANY OF D.C. INC.

1000 BLADENSBURG ROAD, N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

TAXICAB SERVICE: 544 - 1212

DRIVER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 10/29/10

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ FROM K Street 1990  
TO Vienna, VA

FARE \$ \$36.50

CAB NO. \_\_\_\_\_ LD. # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE:  
DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROVISION OF TAXICAB SERVICE IS  
AGAINST THE LAW.

TAXI TO  
DEPT. OF  
EDUCATION  
WASH. DC  
AND BACK  
TO LODGING

-TAXICAB RECEIPT-

TIME 1:00 DATE 10/29/10

REC'D FROM \$35

FARE AMOUNT Vienna, VA

TIP FROM \_\_\_\_\_

TIP TO K Street N.W.

ASSIGN. \_\_\_\_\_ CAB NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LD. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ TAG NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

As the inserts above point out, much of the expense associated with Niroomand's cab rides are the result of his "colleague" being located in Vienna, VA, instead in downtown D.C., nearer to the USDE building. Finally, a look at Niroomand's daily cab rides (in red) to visit the USDE is provided via the map below:

