

Attention IMAs,

Due to lower-than-expected funding levels provided to the Air Force Reserve Command, ALL ANNUAL TOURS (AT) AND INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING (IDTs) THAT ARE NOT ALREADY CERTIFIED AND PUBLISHED IN AROWS OR UTAPS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. There is no money at this time to fund Annual Tours or IDTs of any kind. This is an issue affecting the entire Command.

If you have a certified, approved order IN HAND, you may still perform your tour. Any orders currently in the routing process will not be approved.

Anyone on a VOCO for IDTs or Annual Tour must coordinate return travel by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, Nov 5, 2015. You will be paid for the days performed, but payment may be delayed until funding is received.

IMAs with IDTs already approved in UTAPS can perform their IDTs. Any IDTs pending approval in UTAPS cannot be performed.

Those currently on a centrally funded school tour, whether on VOCO or certified and published orders, can continue to perform that tour at this time.

Those currently on a unit funded school tour, whether on VOCO or certified and published orders, must coordinate return travel home by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 5, 2015.

At this time, we believe IMAs may work for points only (if they so desire) as long as no travel costs are incurred. Points only status is strictly optional and is at the sole discretion of the IMA.

MPA tours are not affected and can continue as scheduled.

RPA tours will vary by unit. Please check with the unit funding your RPA tour for further guidance.

We are not sure when additional funding will be provided, but we expect to know more as the Dec 11, 2015, Continuing Resolution expiration date approaches. Please rest assured I will keep you updated as the situation evolves.

Please forward this information to your assigned supervisor for their situational awareness.

Your HQ RIO Detachment stands ready to answer your questions. Contact information can be found at the following link: <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/Home/HQRIO/About/HQRIODirectory.aspx>

Thank you for your patience as we work through these fiscal challenges.

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