

# 31.205-43 Trade, business, technical and professional activity costs.

The following types of *costs* are allowable:

- (a) Memberships in trade, business, technical, and professional organizations.
- (b) Subscriptions to trade, business, professional, or other technical periodicals.
- (c) When the principal purpose of a meeting, convention, conference, symposium, or seminar is the dissemination of trade, business, technical or professional information or the stimulation of production or improved productivity-
  - (1) *Costs* of organizing, setting up, and sponsoring the meetings, conventions, symposia, etc., including rental of meeting *facilities*, transportation, subsistence, and incidental *costs*;
  - (2) *Costs* of attendance by contractor employees, including travel *costs* (see [31.205-46](#)); and
  - (3) *Costs* of attendance by individuals who are not employees of the contractor, provided-
    - (i) Such *costs* are not also reimbursed to the individual by the employing *company* or organization, and
    - (ii) The individuals attendance is essential to achieve the purpose of the conference, meeting, convention, symposium, etc.

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