Budget-Conscious Planning

There are many ways to stretch your budget as you plan for the NCPERS Annual Conference. Below are just a few ideas.

HOTEL

Your hotel stay can be the biggest part of your education travel expense. That's why NCPERS has negotiated a very low hotel rate at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. In fact, your 2013 hotel stay in Honolulu, Hawaii will be significantly cheaper than the 2012 Annual Conference hotel rate in New York City!

2012 Hilton New York	**2013 Hilton Hawaiian Village**
Regular King $359 per night	Garden View $200 per night

Also, be sure to book your room before the hotel's cutoff date, April 19, 2013, to ensure you secure the discounted rate.

AIRFARE

A little effort goes a long way in keeping your air travel costs low.

- American airlines is offering NCPERS members traveling to the Annual Conference in Hawaii a 5% discount on airline tickets purchased for the conference. Visit www.aa.com/group or call 1-800-433-1790. Use promotion code: 6653BX
- Plan ahead—Make your reservations early. Airlines often offer lower prices on advance purchase or fare sales several months out.
- Consider group sales—If multiple individuals are traveling to the conference, check into group travel deals.
- Shop online—Do some comparison shopping on various travel and airline Web sites.
- Enlist the help of a professional—Use a travel agent to help find the best deal.
- Be flexible—Lower airfares may be available.

MEALS

With a little thought and planning, you can stretch your per diem.

- Take advantage of all the meals offered by NCPERS during the conference—it's free for all registered attendees!
    - Sunday's welcome reception
    - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's breakfast, lunch and exhibit breaks
    - Wednesday's dinner
- Our corporate members host receptions and dinners for current and prospective clients throughout the conference. Be on the lookout for your invitations.
- Eat like a local. Explore local cuisine in the Honolulu area. These options can offer a more economical meal, and a more adventurous and memorable experience.
- Plan ahead by checking out area restaurants online before you leave.