Supplier Travel and Expense Policy for Billable Subcontractors

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This Supplier Travel and Expense Policy for Billable Subcontractors ("Policy") provides guidance and global standards for reimbursement of expenses incurred by a third-party company ("Supplier") and its employees, agents and contractors ("Resources") in connection with the performance of subcontract services ("services") for Oracle or on Oracle's behalf for an Oracle end customer ("Client") project. A Supplier and its Resources are also referred to individually as a “Billable Subcontractor” and collectively as “Billable Subcontractors”.

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OVERVIEW

This Policy outlines the standards for reimbursement of travel and business-related expenses incurred by a Supplier and its Resources in connection with the performance of subcontract services for Oracle or on Oracle’s behalf for an Oracle Client project. This Policy may change without advance notice.

RESPONSIBILITY

Supplier and its Resources must comply with this Policy. Supplier is solely responsible for reimbursing or otherwise paying its Resources for expenses incurred in connection with the services.

Billable Subcontractors shall monitor Oracle’s Supplier website (located here https://www.oracle.com/corporate/subcontractors/) for the latest version of this Policy.

Billable Subcontractors working on Client projects are expected to:

- Act in the best interest of Oracle and the Client by making prudent and economical travel and expense decisions.
- Confirm with the Oracle Project Manager (“Oracle PM”) if any Client terms supersede any section of this Policy.
- Submit business expenses for reimbursement incurred only during the course of performing services.
- Submit business expenses that are reasonable, legitimate, and proper, and meet the standards in the Oracle Supplier Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the “Supplier Code”).
- Ensure the accuracy and timeliness of expense submissions. Inaccurate, incomplete or late submissions may result in delays in, or disqualification of, expense reimbursement.

EXPENSE INCURRENCE AND REIMBURSEMENT APPROVALS

After a Billable Subcontractor submits expenses, they will be reviewed by an Oracle PM. Oracle PMs will approve only those expenses that comply with this Policy, the executed subcontract agreement between Oracle and the Supplier (“Billable Subcontract Agreement”), the statement of work (“SOW(s)”), and Oracle policies (including Supplier Code). Non-compliant expenses will not be reimbursed.

Additionally, Oracle:

- Will only approve and reimburse Supplier for expenses incurred by Billable Subcontractors in the regular course of their delivery of contracted services.
- Will not approve or reimburse the Supplier for the following:
  - Expenses incurred and submitted on behalf of, or at the request of any other party.
  - Expenses incurred prior to the execution of a SOW, unless otherwise approved in writing by Oracle.

Under no circumstances should a Billable Subcontractor submit for reimbursement any expense relating to conduct prohibited by Oracle’s Supplier Code. Specifically, the following expenses are not permissible: providing gifts or benefits to a customer or public sector employee, providing payments or benefits to an Oracle employee or to another party at the direction of an Oracle employee, engaging unapproved or undisclosed third parties, and any illegal conduct.

Under no circumstances should a Billable Subcontractor attempt to falsify or mischaracterize expenses or otherwise evade the requirements of this Policy.

When unable to determine if specific expenses are reimbursable for a project/engagement, Suppliers or Billable Subcontractors must seek guidance from the Oracle PM prior to incurring expenses.
**PROOF OF PAYMENT AND RECEIPT REQUIREMENTS**

Billable Subcontractors, when required, must provide proof of payment for expenses incurred with valid and tax-acceptable receipts from a valid establishment that clearly states what goods and services were exchanged for payment.

Oracle will accept receipts that include itemized detail of the expense from valid merchants. For example:

- Accommodation – itemized hotel folio showing payment.
- Meals – detailed restaurant receipt showing what was ordered and payment.
- Car Rental – itemized receipt detailing dates, car type, gas payment, rental location, and payment.

Oracle will not accept receipts that are hand-written or only show the total expense amount (e.g., credit card slips or statements).

Unless otherwise stated in a SOW, when submitting expenses:

- For an Oracle Public Sector Client project (e.g., government), Billable Subcontractors must supply all receipts for all expenses, regardless of the expense amount.
- For an Oracle Commercial Client project or internal Oracle project, Billable Subcontractor must supply receipts in accordance with Oracle's Expense receipt thresholds by country.
  - **Exception:** Upon Oracle's discretion, this receipt requirement may be waived for per diem expenses and stated in the SOW.

Billable Subcontractors should obtain from the Oracle PM instructions on how to provide receipts to the PM. Expenses not supported by a required receipt are not eligible for reimbursement and will not be approved.

**EXPENSE REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable SOW, the following applies:

- Billable Subcontractors must submit weekly expense reports in Oracle's Cloud ‘Contractors Expenses’ application (“Expense System”).
  - A “week” for the purpose of the Expense System begins on Saturday and ends on Friday.
- Each expense report must be submitted into the Expense system within five (5) business days of incurring a reimbursable expense.
  - Any expense report submitted into the Expense system more than fifteen (15) days of incurring a reimbursable expense is ineligible for reimbursement and will not be approved.
- Expense reports must include a detailed description of the expenses incurred as well as the supporting documentation described above under ‘Proof of Payment and Receipt Requirements’. The Oracle PM will advise if additional supporting documentation is required in specific circumstances or for particular expenses.

**EXPENSE TYPES ALLOWED**

This section identifies the ‘Expense Type’ fields within the Expense System that may be used by Billable Subcontractors. Billable Subcontractors should only enter allowable expenses within each of the Expense Type categories detailed below.

1. **Accommodation**

   **Allowed Expenses:**
   - Oracle preferred hotels should be selected unless justified for business reasons.
   - Hotel selection may not be influenced by a Billable Subcontractor’s membership affiliations.
   - Standard/corporate room accommodations must be booked. Billable Subcontractors may accept
room upgrades from the accommodation provider only if the upgrade is at no charge.

- An extra room night to accommodate early arrivals on overnight flights when conducting business the following morning.
- Late checkout fees only when needed to accommodate an overnight flight.
- Hotel early departure fees.
- Laundry services only in the event of an unexpected emergency or extended duration (>3 nights), which requires advance approval of the Oracle PM.
- Hotel onsite gym access fees when the fee is not included in the hotel rate.

**Expenses Not Allowed:**

- Room upgrades (e.g., ocean view, concierge floors).
- Personal items that are lost, stolen, or delayed in transit.
- Minibar items including beverages and snacks, except when included as part of the maximum meal allowance.
- Entertainment fees (e.g., movie rentals, pay-per-view).
- Off-site gym fees.
- Laundry services when traveling for less than three nights.
- Hotel alternatives (e.g., Airbnb, Hometogo)
- Hotel no-show charges unless the Billable Subcontractor has a valid cancellation number and it is clearly justified and approved by the Oracle PM. It is the Billable Subcontractor’s responsibility to cancel reservations and secure a cancellation number before the hotel deadline to avoid penalties.

2. **Airfare**

**Allowed Expenses:**

- Billable Subcontractors must fly economy class for all travel and accept the lowest unrestricted airfare.
- If there is no incremental cost to Oracle, Billable Subcontractors may use personal mileage benefits to upgrade reservations directly with the vendor after ticketing.
- Billable Subcontractors may NOT request higher coach fares to qualify for an upgrade.
- Seat fees when Airlines charge a fee to reserve standard economy seats.
- Baggage charges when the airline’s standard practice is to charge for any checked bags.
- Excess baggage charges when traveling with heavy or bulky materials or equipment required for performance of services or if traveling for longer than two weeks.

**Expenses Not Allowed:**

- Seat upgrades (e.g., business class, first class, premium seating) with an associated cost or fee.
- Personal items that are lost, stolen, or delayed in transit.
- Excess baggage charges except for when traveling with heavy or bulky materials or equipment required for performance of services or if traveling for longer than two weeks.
- Use of personal airline miles for business travel.
- Billable Subcontractors are not permitted to pilot, charter, or be a passenger on non-commercial aircraft while on Oracle business.
Note: For airfare expenses, submit the expense report after the travel is completed, and use the return date on the expense report.

3. Car Rental

Allowed Expenses:
- Most economical car size to safely accommodate the number of expected passengers.
- Rental cars are to be refueled before returning the vehicle to avoid higher fuel charges.

Expenses Not Allowed:
- Luxury or sports car rentals.

Notes:
- Consider ground transportation options carefully before renting a car.
- Public transportation, private transportation and shuttle services, taxis, airport or hotel shuttles often offer greater convenience and lower total cost in metropolitan areas.

4. Fuel – Diesel / Gas / Petrol

Allowed Expenses:
- Fuel for rental cars.

Expenses Not Allowed:
- Fuel for personal automobiles

5. Internet/ADSL/DSL/WiFi

Allowed Expenses:
- WiFi charges if free WiFi is not available during travel.
- Specifically approved home internet in case of pandemic or special scenarios.

Expenses Not Allowed:
- Personal internet/ADSL/DSL/WiFi charges.

6. Meals

Allowed Expenses:
- Unless a Per Diem is approved (see Per Diem), meal reimbursements (including non-alcoholic beverages and snacks) are based on actual costs and subject to a maximum meal allowance of up to USD $125 (or country local currency equivalent) per day (including tips, gratuities, room service fees and taxes).
- A tip of up to 15-20% of a meal bill is considered part of this daily maximum meal allowance in countries where tips are customary.

Expenses Not Allowed:
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Additional gratuity when tips and gratuities are included a part of the total bill.
- Meals for any other parties (including Oracle employees and customers).
7. Mileage Reimbursement

**Allowed Expenses:**
- Mileage reimbursement *when a personal vehicle is used for travel*, and for each mile over daily commuting to/from home and office, using Oracle's local country reimbursement rate.

**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Mileage for normal, daily commute to and from home to office.
- Fuel/gas when using a personal automobile.

**Notes:**
- Mileage expenses must include starting point, destination point, dates, business purpose, and miles driven.
- Billable Subcontractors can obtain the appropriate mileage reimbursement rate from the Oracle PM.

8. Misc. Contractor Expense

*Billable Subcontractors are generally not allowed to use this Expense Type. Requests for such expenses are highly discouraged and rarely approved; therefore, approval for reimbursement must be obtained in advance from the Oracle PM prior to submitting any expense against this Expense Type.*

**Allowed Expenses:**
- COVID-19 tests when required to travel to, or work at, a Client site.
- Immigration fees (e.g., consular entry visas and/or visa services, immunizations, passports).

**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Personal credit/debit annual card fees, late charges and/or interest.
- Any traffic, parking, or other vehicle code or criminal/civil fines or violations.
- Any insurance (including but not limited to: delayed/lost luggage, medical, personal property, travel accident insurance, AD&D insurance and rental car insurance).
- Personal health or travel insurance.
- Loss or theft of personal property.
- Gym or Health Club memberships.
- Tipping not related to Meal allowance (e.g., housekeeping, shuttle drivers, and bellhop).
- Travel items (e.g., toiletries, clothing, luggage, briefcases, backpacks, laptop bags and/or carts).
- Books, newspapers and magazines.
- Entertainment (e.g., holiday parties, concert tickets, sporting events, and adult venues)

9. Other Transportation

**Allowed Expenses:**
- Other means of transportation for travel (e.g., rail, tube, ferry, taxi, and etcetera).

**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Seat upgrades with an associated cost or fee.
- Personal items that are lost, stolen, or delayed in transit.
- Excess baggage charges except for when traveling with heavy or bulky materials or equipment
required for performance of services or if traveling for longer than two weeks.

Notes:

- Expense entry must include location travelled to and from, as well as the vendor information.
- Rail/train services should be booked directly with the rail provider at least seven days in advance. Billable Subcontractors must be cost conscious at all times when selecting class of service. Rail/train travel should be considered when:
  - Train fare is less expensive than air travel.
  - Door-to-door transit time is improved or comparable to air travel.
  - Driving presents an inconvenience or business risk (e.g., traffic).

10. Parking & Tolls

Allowed Expenses:

- Airport parking.
- Toll bridges and toll road fees while traveling on business.

Expenses Not Allowed:

- Valet parking.
- Parking fees, toll bridges and toll road fees when not traveling for business.

Notes:

- Expense entry must include the locations and reason.
- Billable Subcontractors should consider if it is less expensive to take a shuttle, taxi, or shared car service to the airport versus paying a daily airport parking fee.

11. Per Diem or Per Diem Billing

Allowed Expenses:

- When approved, Billable Subcontractors may not exceed the daily Per Diem allowances and cannot seek reimbursement of additional expenses through other means.

Notes:

- Where legally required or obligated in the Client contract, Oracle will reimburse a Billable Subcontractor a fixed daily fee for expenses ("Per Diem") in lieu of actual expenses.
- Per Diems must be specified in writing in the applicable SOW and agreed to in advance by the Oracle PM.

12. Shipping Fees / Courier / Printing

Allowed Expenses:

- Postage/shipping fees.
  - Standard postage mail rates may be used only for sending hard copies of expense receipts or reports that must be mailed to Oracle (when required by Oracle country/Oracle PM).
  - Express mail rates are only allowed when advance approval is granted by the Oracle PM.
- Printing fees.
**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Any costs related to shipping items through a courier or other means besides standard and/or express mail (as allowed).
- Personal postage/shipping fees.

**Note:** Expense entry must include the business purpose and the identification of vendor.

13. **Small Office / Computer Supplies**

**Allowed Expenses:**
- USB or Flash drives if required for the Services being performed at the Client site.

**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Paper, pens, notebooks, and etcetera.
- Computers, routers, fax machines, printers, printer ink, and etcetera.
- Keyboard, mouse, cables, or other computer accessories.
- Software or computer support.

**Note:** All drives must either be returned to Oracle or left at the Client site.

14. **Telephone – Home/Mobile**

**Allowed Expenses:**
- Personal phone calls while travelling.

**Expenses Not Allowed:**
- Any cost incurred to establish or disconnect a connection, including installation and equipment costs such as phone instruments.
- Home landline, fax and internet/broadband charges.
- Cell phone hardware and related equipment (e.g., chargers, headsets, mounts, cases).
- Cell phone plans (e.g., data, texting and calls).  

**Note:** Avoid using hotel phones and consider alternative methods such as internet communication and mobile phones when making long distance calls.

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