SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS)

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| Seminar 24-07 | MLARS Financial Investigations Seminar  Wichita, KS (May 14-16, 2024) | |
| Location | |  | | --- | | Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview  400 West Douglas Avenue  Wichita, KS 67202 | | |
| Dates | May 14-16, 2024 | |
| Time | The Financial Investigations Seminar is three FULL days.  Registration will begin at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and class will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. each day. Class is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024.  Participants must be present for the entire three days. | |
| Attire | Business Casual | |
| Prerequisite | The Financial Investigations Seminar is open only to participants with **less than** **five years of experience** in financial investigations, asset forfeiture, and money laundering. | |
| Expenses/Per Diem | There is no enrollment cost for this seminar.  Government rate for hotels in Wichita is $107 and M&IE per diem is $59 and $44.25 on travel days. You will not be authorized to exceed this amount. We have a block of rooms set aside at the Drury Plaza Hotel. A link for the room block will be sent with the acceptance email.  **Participant’s agency/office is responsible for paying the travel expenses for this training event**. | |
| Nomination Forms | **The attached nomination form should be returned to your agency’s training coordinator no later than the date indicated.**  **If you are from a USAO, they can be sent to Craig Newell at** [**craig.newell2@usdoj.gov**](mailto:craig.newell2@usdoj.gov) | |
| Acceptance | Acceptance e-mails will be sent the week of March 11th, 2024. | |
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| Seminar Description | This is a basic seminar. The objective of this seminar is to apply investigative techniques and methods to unravel the case study’s money laundering scheme, to identify assets for forfeiture, and to make charging and forfeiture decisions. Using videos to illustrate the case study involving a drug enterprise, this practical, innovative, and interactive seminar is designed to introduce participants to financial investigations, money laundering, and asset forfeiture. During the seminar, participants will analyze financial documents to establish links among the targets, assets, and the illegal activities. |
| Participant Involvement | Participants will be assigned to a “task force” group and will be required to discuss the case study as a team. Each task force member will take a turn reporting the group’s investigative results to the entire group. Because this is an interactive seminar, participants must be present for the entire time each day. Absence of a task force member adversely affects team work. |
| Seminar Modules | * Introduction to Financial Investigation * Starting a Financial Investigation * Bank Secrecy Act Reporting Requirements * Organizing a Financial Investigation * Obtaining and Analyzing Bank Documents * Money Laundering Statutes * Identifying Assets for Forfeiture * Evaluating and Seizing Assets * Proving Unexplained Income * Analyzing Tax Records * Creating a Money Flow Chart * Seizing and Freezing Foreign-Based Assets * Anticipating Challenges to Forfeiture * Money Laundering and Asset Forfeiture Charging Decisions |
| Seminar Objectives | * Conduct a financial investigation * Identify assets for seizure and forfeiture * Identify money laundering offenses |