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What are Business Travelers Really Paying for an Airline Ticket?

Portland, Oregon – March 10, 2005 - Topaz International, an independent third party corporate travel company, recently completed a review of actual airfares paid by business travelers, as well as actual corporate discounts received by corporations in the United States.

“The data obtained from actual business trips, indicates that new highly publicized airfare reductions are not currently impacting business travelers,” indicated Bradley J. Seitz, President & CEO of Topaz International. “Over the past three months, average ticket prices have in fact increased.”

	Average Ticket Price	Cost Per Mile	Average Negotiated Discount
December 2004	\$406	\$0.26	19.08%
January 2005	\$410	\$0.24	19.51%
February 2005	\$411	\$0.25	24.75%

“It is important to maintain vigilance on what business travelers and corporations are actually doing in the market,” continued Seitz. “The next few months will be interesting.”

About TOPAZ International

TOPAZ International supports corporations in the effective management of travel programs. We conduct audits of airfares, hotels, and car rentals, in addition to internet studies, travel program audits and training for travel agents worldwide. Having been in business for over 25 years, we have audited over \$30 billion in airfares.

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