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## **Media Statement**

“The partial Federal Government shutdown is having a negative impact on the meetings industry, and the government meetings industry has been hit particularly hard. The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) is aware of conferences that have been delayed, canceled, or rescheduled. Meetings and conferences serve a vital function where collaboration, training and relationships are built to drive our nation’s innovation and prosperity. A shutdown unfortunately has many unintended consequences that hurt the work of the government, industry and the many suppliers and communities that make meetings and events possible.

We are also concerned for our members as well as all others who may not be paid during this time and face financial hardship. SGMP will be working with its members and chapters to do all we can to help. When the shutdown lifts, it will be important more than ever for government and industry to work together to get back on track. For everyone’s benefit, SGMP hopes a resolution is reached soon.”

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