

Re: ChefConf 2017 Proposal to Attend
Hello Mr Garcia,

I'd like to get your approval to attend ChefConf 2017 (May 22-25, in Austin, TX), the DevOps conference and annual get together for the global Chef community. I'll have access to Chef experts and IT thought leaders from around the world. I see this conference as a unique opportunity to improve my skills and knowledge around Chef and DevOps and to increase our team's productivity.

ChefConf offers four days' worth of keynotes and technical sessions presented by Chef, its partners, its customers, Chef practitioners, IT executives, and DevOps leaders. There is also a full day of technical workshops on various Chef-related topics.

In particular, I'd like to focus on a particular workshop that I feel I would benefit from: Automation Tools Bootcamp. This workshop is a tutorial for individuals looking for exposure to and usage of new IT automation tools. We will learn about and then use Git, Vagrant, Chef, Packer, Terraform and InSpec to deploy a small application in local VMs.

In addition to 20+ breakout sessions, such as "Adding Developers to the DevOps Process" or "Mario Star Power Your Infrastructure: Getting the Most Out of Chef InSpec Testing", I will also have the opportunity to interact directly with Chef employees. Such personal contact is invaluable and I can leverage its benefits across all our projects.

At a total cost of **about** \$3510, Here's the approximate cost breakdown:

Airfare: 600
Transportation (round trip taxi from airport to hotel): 80
Hotel (4 nights, 21-24th, at \$350): 1400
Meals (breakfast and lunch included in conference fee): 80
Conference Fee: 900
Workshop Fee: 450
Total: \$3510

Following my return, I can debrief key team members by sharing the major techniques, key takeaways and action items I have learned.

Thank you,

Julio Beras