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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/FOA/DRU

FROM: SAF/AQC
1060 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1060

SUBJECT: Contractor Use of the Government-wide Purchase Card

We have received inquiries regarding the circumstances, if any, that a Government-wide Purchase Card can be issued to government contractors. Contractors shall not be issued Government-wide Purchase Cards. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.301(a) limits the use of the Government-wide commercial purchase card to "contracting officers and other individuals designated in accordance with 1.603-3." FAR 1.603-3 allows designation of micropurchase authority to "individuals who are employees of an executive agency or members of the Armed Forces of the United States who will be using the supplies or services being purchased."

Air Force Instruction 64-117, *Air Force Government Purchase Card Program*, prohibits contractor use of Government-wide Purchase Cards. Any Air Force contract that authorized contractors to use the Government-wide Purchase Card shall be modified to rescind authorization no later than 31 December 2000. Air Force Agency/Organization Program Coordinators shall cancel all contractor cardholder accounts by the same date. The point of contact is Mr. John Caporal, SAF/AQCO, DSN 425-7029 or commercial (703) 588-7029, john.caporal@pentagon.af.mil.

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