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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/FOA/DRU (CONTRACTING)

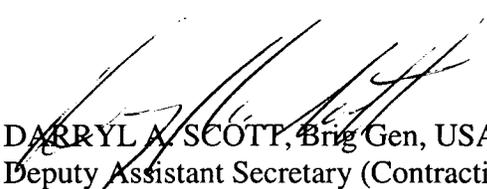
FROM: SAF/AQC  
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SUBJECT: Increasing the Governmentwide Purchase Card (GPC) Threshold for Contingency Contracting Officers (CCOs)

DFARS Case 2000-D019, which raises the governmentwide purchase card (GPC) threshold to the contingency simplified acquisition threshold of \$200,000 for warranted Contingency Contracting Officers (CCOs) overseas in support of a declared contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping missions has been approved and will be published in the Federal Register very soon. This policy memo is your authority to use the increased threshold now in lieu of waiting for the effective date published in the Federal Register. The DFARS language is attached. Our POC is Ms. Kathryn Ekberg, SAF/AQCP, [kekberg@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:kekberg@pentagon.af.mil), DSN 425-7028.

Please relay this quickly to Air Force CCOs supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. CCOs are hereby given the authority to use the GPC up to \$200,000 per transaction starting now. This authority may not be delegated to cardholders other than warranted CCOs. Authority is limited to overseas usage in support of contingency, peacekeeping, or humanitarian missions. The \$200,000 GPC limit is authorized only for those transactions where a SF44 could be used.

Our contracting personnel deployed in the field continue to "do us all proud" with their resourcefulness and determination to make sure our warriors lack nothing. I've heard how many of you are driving hard to sweep aside bureaucracy and risk-averse attitudes that might hinder our CCOs and the other contracting professionals supporting ENDURING FREEDOM. Keep it up! If there is anything my staff and I can do to help, don't hesitate, call us!

  
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Attachment:  
DFARS Case 2000-D019

Case language:

PART 213--**SIMPLIFIED** ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

3. Section 213.301 is added to read as follows:

213.301 Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

(1) "United States," as used in this section, means the 50 States and the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island, Johnston Island, Canton Island, the outer Continental Shelf lands, and any other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States (but not including leased bases).

(2) An individual appointed in accordance with 201.603-3(b) also may use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card to make a purchase that exceeds the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed \$25,000, if--

(i) The purchase--

(A) Is made outside the United States for use outside the United States; and

(B) Is for a commercial item; but

(C) Is not for work to be performed by employees recruited within the United States;

(D) Is not for supplies or services originating from, or transported from or through, sources identified in FAR Subpart 25.7;

(E) Is not for ball or roller bearings as end items; and

(F) Does not require access to classified or Privacy Act information; and

(ii) The individual making the purchase--

(A) Is authorized and trained in accordance with agency procedures;

(B) Complies with the requirements of FAR Part 8 in making the purchase; and

(C) Seeks maximum practicable competition for the purchase in accordance with FAR 13.104(b).

(3) A contracting officer in support of a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(7); also may use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card to make a purchase that exceeds the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, if--

(i) The supplies or services are immediately available;

(ii) One delivery and one payment will be made; and

(iii) The requirements of (2)(i) and (ii) are met.