

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 457

AN ACT

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Purchase Card Waste
5 Elimination Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR GUIDANCE.**

2 (a) OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET POLICY
3 GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
4 the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of
5 Management and Budget shall issue guidelines to assist
6 the heads of executive agencies in improving the manage-
7 ment of the use of the Governmentwide commercial pur-
8 chase card for making micropurchases. The Director shall
9 include guidelines on the following matters:

10 (1) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to
11 identify opportunities for achieving savings through
12 micropurchases made in economical volumes.

13 (2) Negotiation of discount agreements with
14 major vendors accepting the purchase card.

15 (3) Establishment of communication programs
16 to ensure that purchase card holders receive infor-
17 mation pertaining to the availability of discounts, in-
18 cluding programs for the training of purchase card
19 holders on the availability of discounts.

20 (4) Assessment of cardholder purchasing prac-
21 tices, including use of discount agreements.

22 (5) Collection and dissemination of best prac-
23 tices and successful strategies for achieving savings
24 in micropurchases.

25 (6) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to
26 identify opportunities for achieving and accurately

1 measuring fair participation of small business con-
2 cerns in micro-purchases consistent with the na-
3 tional policy on small business participation in Fed-
4 eral procurements set forth in sections 2(a) and
5 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631(a)
6 and 644(g)), and dissemination of best practices for
7 participation of small business concerns in micro-
8 purchases.

9 (b) GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.—The Ad-
10 ministrator of General Services shall—

11 (1) continue efforts to improve reporting by fi-
12 nancial institutions that issue the Governmentwide
13 commercial purchase card so that the General Serv-
14 ices Administration has the data needed to identify
15 opportunities for achieving savings; and

16 (2) actively pursue point-of-sale discounts with
17 major vendors accepting the purchase card so that
18 any Federal Government purchaser using the pur-
19 chase card can benefit from such point-of-sale dis-
20 counts.

21 (c) AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The senior
22 procurement executive for each executive agency shall, as
23 directed by the Director of the Office of Management and
24 Budget, submit to the Director periodic reports on the ac-

1 tions taken in such executive agency pursuant to the
2 guidelines issued under subsection (a).

3 (d) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Not later than
4 December 31 of the year following the year in which this
5 Act is enacted, and December 31 of each of the ensuing
6 three years, the Director of the Office of Management and
7 Budget shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
8 rity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
9 mittee on Government Reform of the House of Represent-
10 atives a report summarizing the progress made during the
11 fiscal year ending in the year in which such report is
12 due—

13 (1) in improving the management of the use of
14 the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for
15 making micropurchases; and

16 (2) in achieving savings in micropurchases
17 made with such card, expressed in terms of average
18 savings achieved by each executive agency in the use
19 of discount agreements identified in subsection (a)
20 and the total savings achieved Governmentwide.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “executive agency” has the mean-
23 ing given such term in section 4 of the Office of
24 Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

1 (2) The term “micropurchase” means a pur-
2 chase in an amount not in excess of the micropur-
3 chase threshold, as defined in section 32 of such Act
4 (41 U.S.C. 428).

5 **SEC. 3. PAYMENTS TO FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WITH FED-**
6 **ERAL TAX DEBT.**

7 The General Services Administration, in conjunction
8 with the Internal Revenue Service and the Financial Man-
9 agement Service, shall develop procedures to subject pur-
10 chase card payments to Federal contractors to the Federal
11 Payment Levy program.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORTING OF AIR TRAVEL BY FEDERAL GOVERN-**
13 **MENT EMPLOYEES.**

14 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Adminis-
15 trator of the General Services shall submit annually to the
16 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
17 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Re-
18 form of the House of Representatives a report on all first
19 class and business class travel by employees of each execu-
20 tive agency undertaken at the expense of the Federal Gov-
21 ernment.

22 (b) CONTENT.—The reports submitted pursuant to
23 subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, with respect
24 to each travel by first class or business class—

25 (1) the names of each traveler;

1 (2) the date of travel;

2 (3) the points of origination and destination;

3 (4) the cost of the first class or business class
4 travel; and

5 (5) the cost difference between such travel and
6 travel by coach class.

7 (c) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,
8 the term “executive agency” has the meaning given such
9 term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement
10 Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

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 Attest:

Secretary.

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