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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MAY 19, 2006

Reported by Ms. COLLINS, with amendments

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR GUIDANCE.**

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

13 (1) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to
14 identify opportunities for achieving savings through
15 micropurchases made in economical volumes.

16 (2) Negotiation of discount agreements with
17 major vendors accepting the purchase card.

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

23 (4) Assessment of cardholder purchasing prac-
24 tices, *including use of discount agreements.*

1 (5) Collection and dissemination of best prac-
 2 tices and successful strategies for achieving savings
 3 in micropurchases.

4 (b) GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.—The Ad-
 5 ministrators of General Services shall ~~direct the purchase~~
 6 ~~card program manager of the General Services Adminis-~~
 7 ~~tration—~~

8 (1) ~~to continue~~ *continue* efforts to improve re-
 9 porting by financial institutions that issue the Gov-
 10 ernmentwide commercial purchase card so that the
 11 General Services Administration has the data needed
 12 to identify opportunities for achieving savings; and

13 (2) ~~to ensure that the acquisition center con-~~
 14 ~~tracting officers of the General Services Administra-~~
 15 ~~tion~~ actively pursue point-of-sale discounts with
 16 major vendors accepting the purchase card so that
 17 any Federal Government purchaser using the pur-
 18 chase card can benefit from such point-of-sale dis-
 19 counts.

20 (c) AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—~~The pur-~~
 21 ~~chase card program manager~~ *The senior procurement exec-*
 22 ~~utive~~ for each executive agency shall, as directed by the
 23 Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submit
 24 to the Director periodic reports on the actions taken in

1 such executive agency pursuant to the guidelines issued
 2 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 ~~savings~~
 18 ~~achieved by each executive agency~~ *average savings*
 19 *achieved by each executive agency in the use of dis-*
 20 *count agreements identified in subsection (a)* and the
 21 total savings achieved Governmentwide.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “executive agency” has the mean-
 24 ing given such term in section 4 of the Office of
 25 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 *airs 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 sub-*
23 *section (a) shall include, at a minimum, with respect to*
24 *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 Pol-*
10 *icy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).*

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