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FROM: SAF/AQC

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SUBJECT:

Air Force Government Purchase Card (GPC) Program, Expanded Use Initiative –

(Continued usage above the Micro-purchase and below the Simplified Acquisition

Thresholds (SAT))

The GPC Expanded Use Initiative launched in June of 2014 has shown great promise over the course of a year. This drive for cost savings has allowed for greater rebate returns to units across the Air Force enterprise, and reduced prompt payment interest charges to our supply vendors. By also eliminating unproductive processes and bureaucracy, the program has also granted requiring activities greater flexibility to make mission essential purchases in a more timely and efficient manner. These and other benefits fully support the spirit and intent of both the Air Force's "Every Dollar Counts Campaign," and the Department of Defense's (DoD) "Better Buying Power 3.0" initiative.

Pursuant to FAR 13.301(c)(2), operational contracting units may begin or continue to encourage requiring activities to use the GPC as the primary ordering vehicle for obtaining supplies for requirements up to \$25,000, from pre-priced government contracts and agreements - e.g., Federal Supply Schedules (FSS); Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA); Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts; Air Force mandatory sources (to include Network-Centric Solutions (NETCENTS)); and the following FAR Part 8 Federal mandatory sources: Federal Prison Industries (FPI); the Procurement List maintained by AbilityOne; wholesale supply source programs offered through the General Services Administration (GSA); the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA); the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and military inventory control points.

Warranted Contracting Officers are further authorized and encouraged to begin or continue to make use of the GPC for supply purchases from the aforementioned sources up to \$25,000; and from "Non-DoD" referenced contract vehicles and agreements (e.g., GSA, NASA, VA, NIH, etc...) up to the SAT.

This guidance supersedes the SAF/AQC Policy Memorandums, dated 05 Jun 2014, entitled Air Force Government Purchase Card (GPC) Program, Expanded Use Initiative Phase I (Cardholder Usage between \$3,000 and \$25,000); and Government Purchase Card (GPC) Program, Expanded Use Initiative Phase II (Contracting Officer Usage between \$25,000 and \$150,000); and shall remain in effect until superseded by new or revised guidance.

For questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact the Air Force Level 2, Major Devin D. Banks, SAF/AQCA, (571) 256-2398; DSN 260-2398 or devin.d.banks.mil@mail.mil.

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