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Regional Contracting Office, Hawaii

**Government Purchase Card (GPC)
How it can increase your business**



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Introduction

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Agenda

- The Government Purchase Card (GPC)
 - Advantages
- Types of Purchases (Micro & Payment Card)
- Micro Purchase (Dollar Limitations)
- Payment Card (BPA & Contracts)
- Taxes
- Be Aware
 - Cardholder
 - Common Problems
 - Unauthorized Commitment
- Points of Contact



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The Government Purchase Card (GPC)

- **Army uses GSA SmartPay2 VISA card**
 - **issued by US BANK**
- **Advantages**
 - **Easy to use payment method**
 - **Faster payment after purchase**
 - **Less paperwork**
- **Market to Government**
 - **Advertise you accept the GPC**





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Types of Purchases

Micro Purchases

- **Simplified Acquisition Purchases using PURCHASE Card (Mandatory Dollar Limits)**
- **Purchases using GPC PAYMENT Card Using Contract Vehicles set up with RCO-HI BPAs, Delivery Orders, Requirements Contracts**



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Mandatory Dollar Limits*

- **\$3,000 supplies (materials, equipment, lodging rentals)**
- **\$2,500 services (Service Contract Act applies; Sample of SCA occupations: Mechanics, Maintenance and Repair Service Occupations)**
- **\$2,000 construction (Davis Bacon Act applies; which established the requirement for paying prevailing wages on public works construction contracts)**

*** Must rotate sources per Federal Acquisition Regulation**



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GPC Payment Card

- **Accept payments over Mandatory Limits IF**
 - **Vendor and RCO-HI set up a Contract vehicle with terms and conditions which include payment by GPC Payment Card**
 - **Vendor registers in Central Contractor Registration (CCR) www.bpn.gov/CCR**
- **Types of Contracts**
 - **Blanket Purchase Agreements**
 - **Delivery Orders**
 - **Requirements Contracts**



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Taxes

- **Vendors MAY NOT charge taxes for supplies**
- **Taxes may be charged for services**
- **Tax Exempt No 090255410 (use for supplies)**



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Common Problems

- **Only GPC cardholder is authorized to obligate funds, confirm person making purchase w/card**
- **Declined card**
- **Dispute with charges**
 - **Process (swipe) card timely**
 - **Split requirements**
 - **Unauthorized Commitments**





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Split Purchase – what is it?

- **Example**
 - **Purchase \$5,000? No, above supply threshold**
 - **May try to get around system (usually the same day or next)**
 - **1st purchase \$3,000 for tower and keyboard**
 - **2nd purchase \$2,000 for the rest**
- **Alternative**
 - **Customer should come with a purchase order for \$5,000 not split into segments**



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Unauthorized Commitment

- **Illegal purchase made by someone not authorized to obligate funds for the government**
- **Payment is not assured**
- **Long process to ratify and no interest accrues**



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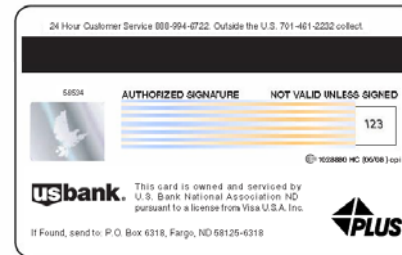
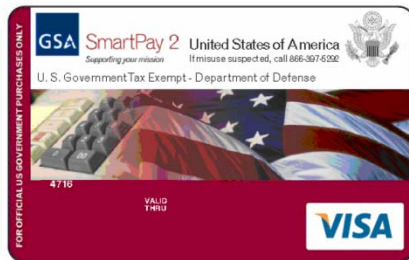


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Government Purchase Card (GPC)

Tell us if you have the capability to accept Visa Cards



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