

Purchase Card On-Line System (PCOLS)

Module III Training – Frequently Asked Questions



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Executive Summary



- How we got here:
 - Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit reports
 - DoD and Service Inspector General (IG) reports (600 - 800 since 1999)
 - Comptroller DoD Management Information Directive (MID) 904 directed approximately 50 actions, including:
 - *Develop methods to ensure controls over charge cards*
 - *Develop data mining tool to identify misuse of charge cards*
- PCOLS is a response to Congressional / GAO mandate to:
 - Capture the full Purchase Card hierarchy
 - *Reestablish Supervisors into reconciliation review process*
 - Improve internal controls
 - Audit data using the Common Access Card (CAC)
 - Mine transactions for fraud and misuse
 - Integrate the Purchase Card into other Department e-business applications
 - Facilitate transition to "new" Purchase Card issuing banks



PCOLS Components



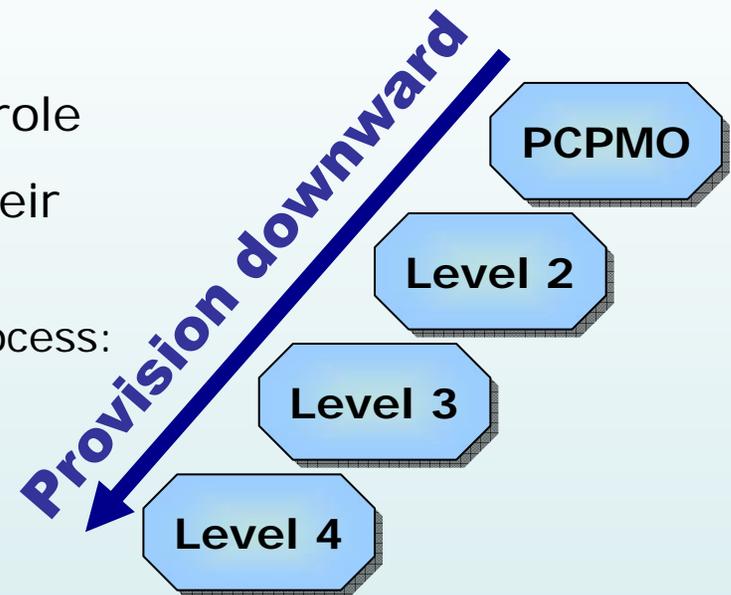
- **Enterprise Monitoring and Management of Accounts (EMMA)**
 - Used to provision users into roles in a hierarchy
 - Based on roles, grants access to the other PCOLS applications

- **Authorization, Issuance and Maintenance (AIM)**
 - System to issue and maintain Managing Accounts (MA) and Cardholder Accounts (CA)
 - Interfaces with the (currently) two banks
 - Store account information

- **Data Mining (DM)**
 - Developed by third party vendor (HNC)
 - Reviews all transactions of all CAs and flags any considered misuse or fraudulent
 - Flagged transactions are to be reviewed and verified of validity by users

- **Risk Assessment (RA)**
 - Developed by third party vendor (PWC)
 - Reports an organization's "health" in the Purchase Card Program
 - *Health depends on number of misuse/fraudulent cases and other factors*

- Captures hierarchies to grant system access to authenticated users
 - The hierarchy incorporates Supervisors into the program
- Uses the CAC to link an individual to a role
- Allows individuals to add roles under their own, to continue down the hierarchy
 - Provisioning – an iterative three step process:
 - *Create organization*
 - *Create role within organization*
 - *Populate role with a user*
- Other systems, such as AIM, use the roles in EMMA to grant permissions within the applications



- A workflow tool used to perform various Purchase Card Program account issuance and maintenance functions such as:
 - Updating Purchase Limits
 - Changing Merchant Category Codes (MCCs)
 - Ensuring that ongoing training requirements are met
 - Ensuring that lines of accounting are current
- Draws from hierarchies recorded in EMMA to determine who has responsibility and permission to initiate and approve requests for Account issuance and maintenance
- A live interface with the bank systems allows Account requests to be sent electronically
- Daily feeds from the bank systems allows both systems to be up to date with the current Account information
- Does not replace any existing systems to review and approve card transactions





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Policy



■ What is the implementation timeline for PCOLS?

DoD Acquisition Technology & Logistics (AT&L) requires that PCOLS implementation be complete across DoD by 4 January 2010. By this date, no cards will be issued unless through PCOLS.

For components, under the cognizance of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the targeted deployment date is not later than 3 January 2011.

Please see the latest Memorandum for PCOLS dated 19 November 2008 by clicking the link below:

[19 November 2008 - PCOLS Memorandum](#)



■ How do I obtain help with a PCOLS problem?

The eBusiness Policy Support Center (eBPSC) is the helpdesk support available via:

1. Website:

- http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/eb/ebusiness_policy_support_center.html
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- User Manuals (EMMA, AIM)
- DAU Community of Practice (COP)
- Continuous Learning Module PowerPoint brief

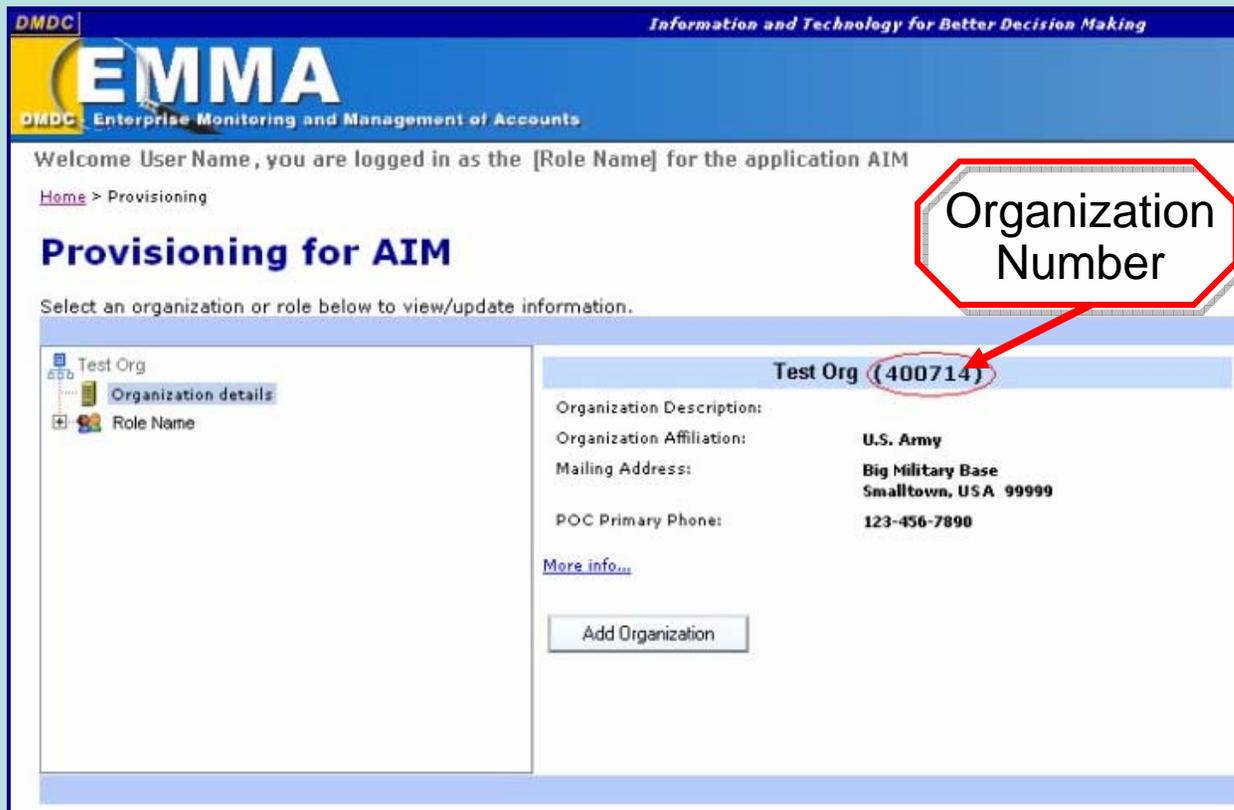
2. Phone:

- 1-877-376-5787 or 1-877-ePOLLSUPPORT
- *Operation hours: 7 am – 7 pm EST*

3. Email: defensepolicysupport@ebpssc.org

Note: Include organization number in all help desk communications (see next page).

- How do I obtain help with a PCOLS problem? *(cont'd)*



DMDC Information and Technology for Better Decision Making

EMMA

DMDC Enterprise Monitoring and Management of Accounts

Welcome User Name, you are logged in as the [Role Name] for the application AIM

[Home](#) > Provisioning

Provisioning for AIM

Select an organization or role below to view/update information.

Test Org	Test Org (400714)
Organization details	Organization Description:
Role Name	Organization Affiliation: U.S. Army
	Mailing Address: Big Military Base Smalltown, USA 99999
	POC Primary Phone: 123-456-7890
	More info...
	<input type="button" value="Add Organization"/>

When contacting either the DMDC help desk or the eBPSC, ensure that the organization number is available, along with the caller's name, contact information, and a description of the problem.



- Do I still use the bank online system if I am using PCOLS?
Why?

Yes.

PCOLS is used to manage the Purchase Card Program from an account level, encompassing issuance and maintenance requests for Managing and Cardholder accounts.

Systems, such as Access On-Line and Citidirect, are used to look at transaction-level details for Purchase Card accounts.



- Does PCOLS duplicate any aspects of the bank's online system?

Yes.

However, as PCOLS implementation continues, the duplicity will be removed.



- How do I find all of my GPC organization members if they are not centrally located?

In the case where there is already a GPC organizational structure in place, use that structure. Ensure that the supervisors for the Cardholder, A/BO, and A/OPC are included. If you are unsure who should fill these roles, contact your supervisor.

In the case where the GPC organizational structure has not been defined or two or more roles are occupied by a single individual, a comprehensive organizational hierarchy should be created prior to provisioning in EMMA.



- Is my access to PCOLS affected if I replace my CAC?

Replacing your CAC will have no impact within PCOLS.

The link between your CAC identity and the established access and roles within EMMA and AIM are not affected if your CAC is lost and/or replaced. The unique identification of the new CAC is automatically associated to that of the old CAC within PCOLS.



■ Is PCOLS NMCI Approved?

Yes.

PCOLS is certified for use within Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI). The term "certification" refers to the process by which applications/systems are determined or made to be compatible with the NMCI network and its information assurance infrastructure.

- Can we have CAC readers at home?

Many Department of Defense (DoD) organizations utilize the ActivCard USB Common Access Card (CAC) readers. The CAC readers, in conjunction with the user's Smart Card, enable access to DoD PKI-enabled websites and allow the user to send signed and encrypted email utilizing the DoD Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). If your Command is willing to provide the software and hardware you can gain access to PCOLS at home.

- Will we be able to bypass the approval hierarchy if someone is on leave or in an emergent situation?

No.

PCOLS is designed so that each role has a level of accountability. PCOLS does not allow a workflow step to be bypassed.

To help facilitate leave of absence or emergent situations, PCOLS allows certain roles to assign a single individual called a surrogate. This surrogate can act on behalf of the person that is able to perform their duties.



- How will PCOLS handle any existing bandwidth/internet burden issues?

The PCPMO will work with the appropriate departments to resolve all issues.



- What is the plan for leadership buy-in?

The PCPMO involves upper-level management in Senior Focus Groups and IPTs to inform them of the updates on the program.



EMMA

- How many users can be provisioned per role within a given EMMA organization?

EMMA currently allows for the following number of users per role within a given organization:

Role Name	# of users	Role Name	# of users
Level 2	10	Component RM	10
Level 3	10	Major RM	10
High-Level A/OPC	30	Intermediate RM	10
A/OPC Supervisor	30	RM Supervisor	1
A/OPC	30	RM	1
A/BO Supervisor	1	RM Pool	100
A/BO	100		
Cardholders Supervisor	100		



- Do I have to include supervisors in my EMMA organization?

Yes.

Supervisors within a GPC organization have always been designated with the responsibility to provide supervisory oversight for their GPC organizations. PCOLS provides a level of rigor in the system to ensure that supervisors are involved to the degree required. The Cardholders Supervisor and A/BO Supervisor are necessary to ensure successful AIM workflow operations and possess responsibility for supervisory oversight within their GPC organizations.



EMMA FAQ



- How do I identify the proper supervisors to be provisioned in EMMA?

The supervisor who conducts the performance appraisal for the Cardholder, A/BO, or A/OPC would be the appropriate PCOLS supervisor to be provisioned in EMMA.



AIM

- Why do I need to update my profile in AIM?

This step is critical for A/OPCs, A/BOs, and Cardholders (CH) as the information contained in the profile must be present and valid in order to proceed with the account issuance workflow.



■ How do I update my profile in AIM?

The AIM user profile can be accessed by going to the **Profile** tab. Each user must verify the User Information. To update your information, click the link entitled **click here to update the address** within the text.

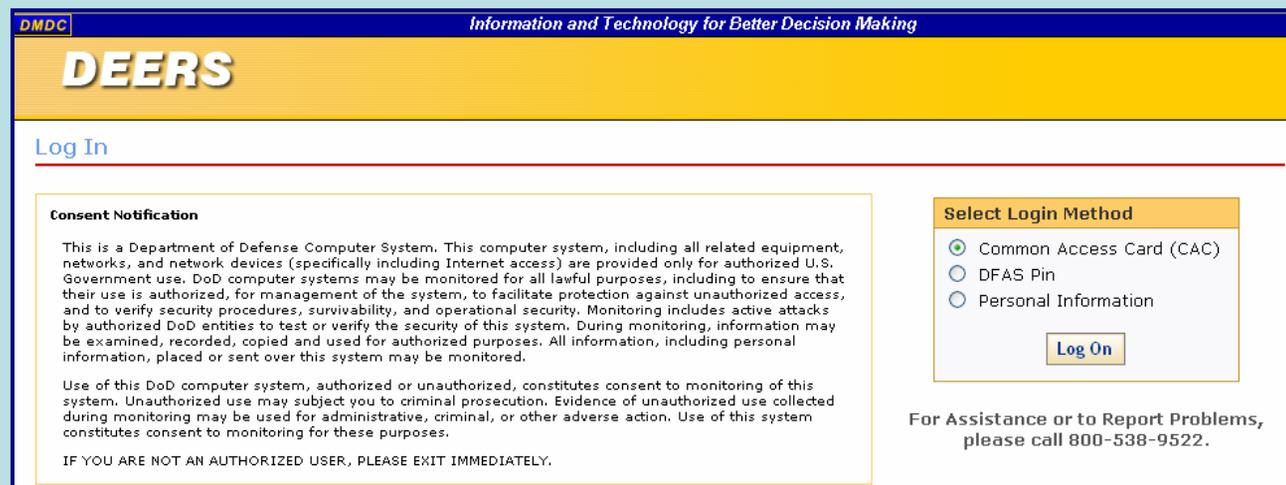
Your User Information

If any of the information associated with your CAC is incorrect, please [click here to update the address](#) below. Any changes made to the address will take up to 24 hours to process and will automatically be reflected below once complete.

Name: User Name
Work Address: BIG MILITARY BASE
SMALLTOWN, USA 12345
Work Phone: 1234567890
Fax Number:
Email Address: user.name@email.mil
Organization ID:

■ How do I update my profile in AIM? *(cont'd)*

Your User Information is populated from your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) profile. The **click here to update the address** link will direct you to the DEERS Address Update site, which is a DMDC application. Any changes that are made will take effect once you logout and log back in to AIM. If you have any problems logging in or updating your address, contact the help desk shown in the Address Update application.



The screenshot shows the DEERS login interface. At the top, it says "DMDC Information and Technology for Better Decision Making". Below that is the "DEERS" logo. A "Log In" link is visible. A "Consent Notification" box contains text about system monitoring and consent. To the right, a "Select Login Method" section has three radio button options: "Common Access Card (CAC)" (selected), "DFAS Pin", and "Personal Information". A "Log On" button is below these options. At the bottom right, there is a note: "For Assistance or to Report Problems, please call 800-538-9522."

- Where do I obtain verification that required training has been completed?

Currently, verification is accomplished by the A/OPC receiving the appropriate hardcopy certifications.

In the future it is anticipated that training certification from Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will be automatically linked to AIM.

- What is the difference between an Office Name and an Organization Name in AIM?

The **Office Name** in AIM is used as another method (such as account number) to identify individual Managing and Cardholder Accounts. The name is specific to the AIM application and should not be used as a substitute for the account number when communicating with the bank.

The **Organization Name** in AIM is imprinted on the Purchase Card and appears on the billing statement for the account. The AIM Organization Name is not to be confused with the EMMA Organization Name, which is used to associate a user in a hierarchical structure.

It is recommended that the Office Name be unique for each account in AIM in order to identify accounts by the Office Name. For instance, if you have multiple Purchase Cards and do not remember the account number you can reference the Office Name instead.

- As an A/OPC, am I giving up control in my organization by using AIM?

No.

The A/OPC has final oversight and approval responsibility. In AIM, the A/OPC reviews and approves all requests prior to submitting them to the bank.

AIM uses the Purchase Card hierarchy defined in EMMA to assign specific responsibilities and tasks to designated roles within the GPC organization. In some organizations, A/OPCs have traditionally accomplished all or most of these actions themselves. By distributing specific tasks to other GPC organization members, an enhanced level of situational awareness and supervisory oversight can be attained, improving management control of the entire organization.



- Does PCOLS have the ability to attach training certificates and/or appointment letters to an account request to send to the bank?

No.

PCOLS does not have the ability to attach a document to any request transmitted to the bank. You should keep a file copy of the letters of appointment or any other documentation.

- Does an email always accompany a task?

Yes.

An email is the sole notification mechanism to alert individuals involved in the AIM workflow process that a task awaits their attention. In addition, there are occasions when a notification email without an associated task is sent to involved individuals in the workflow process.



DM/RA



- Will I be able to complete audits and include comments of findings in PCOLS?

Yes.

When the Data Mining/Risk Assessment piece of the system is completed, the users will be able to complete audits and include comments on the findings.



- How will PCOLS affect surveillance?

Surveillance will continue to be performed as done today, until the Data Mining/Risk Assessment piece of PCOLS has been fully deployed.



- Will PCOLS replace the NAVY Program Audit Tool (PAT) system?

Yes.

PCOLS will eventually replace PAT, when the Data Mining/Risk Assessment portion of PCOLS has been fully deployed.