MEMORANDUM FOR: DoD Purchase Card Agency Program Coordinators

SUBJECT: Continuous Learning Points for General Services Administration (GSA) SmartPay Conference

Acquisition workforce members who attend the GSA SmartPay conference scheduled for August 29-31, 2000, in Chicago, Illinois, can earn Continuous Learning point credits. This GSA sponsored annual A/OPC training is for all SmartPay Government Card products (Travel, Fleet, and Purchase Cards). The training is mandatory for the Agency Program Coordinators and selected Resource Managers dedicated to the (Government Purchase Card) GPC Program. GSA scheduled training is currently 20 hours in length but Service-unique sessions are also planned and can be used for additional credits. Supervisors may grant up to 22 Continuous Learning points to acquisition personnel who participate in the entire conference.

As we move to more sophisticated business processes, like the web-based electronic access systems' CARE and CitIDirect, it is imperative that the people responsible for their implementation are afforded the kinds of training, education, and professional development for them to perform more proficiently. The GPC Program is a success today through the hard work of our A/OPCs, Cardholders, and Billing Officials throughout DOD. Their abilities, can-do attitudes, and outstanding showmanship are demonstrated daily. I applaud them for a job well done. I want to see continuing professional growth, development, and functional skills of our GPC workforce. Your support for continued success of the GPC Program throughout DOD is encouraged.

Questions may be directed to my point of contact, Ms Dorothy Hindman, Army Agency Program Coordinator, at (703) 681-3417, DSN 781-3417, email: hindmand@sarda.army.mil. You may also review the continuing learning policy at www.acq.osd.mil/ar/doc/contlear.pdf for additional guidance on establishing point values.

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