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SUBJECT: Deployment of Updated Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card Joint
Appointment Module Cardholder Special Designations (GPC 2022-01)

Defense Pricing and Contracting adopted use of the group term “Emergency-Type Operations” (ETO) in Contingency Contracting and Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card (GPC) policy. ETO language will be implemented in changes to two Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment Joint Appointment Module Cardholder (CH) Special Designations, to be deployed in 4th quarter 2022.

ETO describes events authorized in accordance with 41 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1903 and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 18.2. The operations and activities currently included in 41 U.S.C. 1903 are:

- contingency operations as defined in FAR 2.101;
- operations to facilitate the defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack against the United States as addressed in FAR 18.001;
- operations in support of a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to facilitate the provision of international disaster assistance as addressed in FAR 18.001; or
- operations to support response to an emergency or major disaster (as those terms are defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq, implemented in FAR Subpart 26.2.)).

The group term ETO also includes humanitarian or peacekeeping operations (as defined at 10 U.S.C. 2302(8) and FAR 2.101). Currently, when supporting humanitarian or peacekeeping operations in accordance with FAR 2.101, the micro-purchase threshold does not

increase, regardless of whether the humanitarian or peacekeeping operation is taking place inside or outside of the United States; and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold is \$500,000.

To clarify their authorization for use of the GPC to support all ETO events, the special designations currently titled “Micro-Purchase Contingency Contracting Cardholder” and “Warranted Contingency Contracting Cardholder” are renamed “Micro-Purchase ETO Cardholder and/or Check Writer” and “Warranted Overseas ETO Cardholder,” respectively. Existing CH, Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (A/OPC) with Delegating Authority, and Oversight A/OPC with Appointing Authority appointments that include these two renamed CH special designations will be automatically updated to include an administrative addendum. The addendum will address the name changes and state that no additional authority has been conveyed. If an update to any appointment containing the administrative addendum is processed in the future, the addendum will be removed and the new appointment will incorporate the updated special designation name(s).

Necessary policy changes will be incorporated into the next issuance of the Department of Defense Charge Card Guidebook or its successor policy. My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Denise Reich, at denise.a.reich.civ@mail.mil.

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