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ACQUISITION
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MEMORANDUM FOR ARMY PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Approval of Army's Request to Close System-Generated Data Mining Cases in the Government-wide Commercial Purchase Card Program

References: (1) Defense Pricing and Contracting memorandum, "Department of Defense SmartPay® 3 Government-wide Commercial Purchase Card Oversight and Reporting – SP3 Transition Memorandum #12," dated July 16, 2020
(2) Army Senior Procurement Executive Coordination Materials on Reference (1), received June 5, 2020
(3) Email exchange on Reference (1) between the Office of Defense Pricing and Contracting/Contracting eBusiness and Procurement Insight/Oversight Pillar Lead Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) from June 16, 2020, to July 1, 2020

This memorandum summarizes actions taken to resolve Army's original non-concurrence on the content of Reference 1. Army non-concurred on a draft version of this memo, stating it "does not concur with the approach to resolving open data mining [(DM)] cases, nor with the requirement to suspend accounts should the schedule milestones not be met" (Reference 2). The Army followed up in a June 17, 2020 email (Reference 3) proposing a path forward that included closing all DM cases open as of March 19, 2020 without further action. As a compensating control to ensure proper oversight, the Army indicated it would conduct a virtual Program Management Review of its Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) and other high volume organizations for the period in which the DM cases were generated. A June 19, 2020, Army email elaborated that high-volume organizations would include the MICC, National Guard Bureau, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Army Contracting Command – Aberdeen Proving Ground, the organizations with the highest number of backlog cases (Reference 3).

In accordance with the established SmartPay® 3 (SP3) Government-wide Commercial Purchase Card (GPC) governance process, in its June 30, 2020, meeting the SP3 Integrated Solutions Team (IST) Governance Board voted to support the Army's proposal to close Army cases from SP3 inception on November 30, 2018, through March 19, 2020, with two exceptions defined below, contingent upon an Army Senior Procurement Executive determination that adequate compensating controls were in place.

This memo reaffirms the Army's authority to implement this plan as approved by the IST. It also provides official notification that, as of July 16, 2020, Oversight Systems (the SP3 DM vendor) has closed all system-generated DM cases in the "New" status in Army's DM workbench for transactions made from November 30, 2018, through March 19, 2020. The following were excluded from automatic closure:

- Cases that were manually created by a GPC Program Lead
- Cases with status other than “New”

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