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PROCUREMENT MEMORANDUM 2006-03

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Contracting Offices

FROM: Michael S. Sade
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SUBJECT: Rescinding the Interim Policy on Credit Worthiness for Purchase Cards and Cancellation of Procurement Memorandum 2005-06

The purpose of this Procurement Memorandum is to advise you that the requirement to assess credit worthiness for new purchase card applicants prior to issuance of cards has been rescinded. Credit worthiness language in the fiscal year 2006 Transportation, Treasury, Judiciary and Housing and Urban Development Bill (P.L. 109-115), signed by the President on November 30, 2005, omitted references to purchase cards. As a result, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is planning to update Appendix B to OMB Circular A-123 to address the statutory change.

The Department of Commerce issued Procurement Memorandum 2005-06, available at http://oamweb.osec.doc.gov/docs/PM_2005-06_Interim_Credit_Worthiness_Guidance.pdf, which required the issuance of "restricted" cards as an interim measure for compliance with the credit worthiness requirement outlined in the OMB Circular A-123. Due to the statutory change, Procurement Memorandum 2005-06 is hereby cancelled effective January 17, 2006.

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Dao Vissering at dvissering@doc.gov or 202-482-4185.

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