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TO: Procurement Directors

- **FROM:** Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61 Office of Procurement and Assistance Management
- **SUBJECT:** Temporary Waiver of Mandatory Use of the Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES) for Certain Purchase Card Transactions

SUMMARY: Several issues have been identified relating to the use of STRIPES for the processing of transactions at or below the micro-purchase threshold of \$3,000 using the Government-wide purchase card. These issues relate strictly to the efficient processing of such transactions and not to the ability of STRIPES to properly and accurately process these actions.

Based on the above, the mandatory use of STRIPES for individual purchase card transactions that are valued at or below \$3,000 is temporarily waived. This waiver (see attached) will remain in effect for one-year from the date of this memorandum unless cancelled or extended.

This Flash and its attachment will be available online at the following website: <u>http://management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm</u>.

Questions concerning this policy flash should be directed to Denise T. Clarke at (202) 287-1748 or <u>deniset.clarke@hq.doe.gov</u>.

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Attachment