



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

CESWL-LO-T (55)

18 July 2002

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 02-15

SUBJECT: Use of the Bank of America Visa Government Travel Card

1. Government issued charge cards are contracted by the U.S. Government and are for official Government use only. Travelers who receive the card will adhere to the agreement, which is between the Government, the employee, and Bank of America (extra copies of this agreement are available in the Transportation Office).
2. Bank of America will provide monthly reports to the Transportation Officer with details of ATM transactions, account activity, and aging accounts. The Transportation Officer in the Logistics Office will review the monthly reports for evidence of possible charge card abuse and/or delinquent accounts. The supervisor and the Security and Law Enforcement Officer (SLO) will be notified in writing when an employee is suspected of non-compliance with this policy.
3. The supervisor will counsel the employee with regard to the apparent non-compliance and insure that employee understands the terms and conditions of this policy. The SLO will evaluate the situation for possible violations of law. Based on the situation, the supervisor with the assistance of Logistics, Human Resources Office and SLO will determine what corrective action to take to resolve the situation. In any instance, the employee will submit a memorandum thru his supervisor to the Commander or his designee stating the reason for the violation and the corrective action to be taken to resolve the situation. Any failure to resolve the situation before the next billing cycle will result in a consultation between the employee, his supervisor, and the Commander or his designee followed by appropriate administrative and/or disciplinary action.
4. Charge card privileges may be revoked for any of the following:
  - a. One instance of drawing an advance in excess of the amount stated on travel orders.
  - b. One instance of using ATM when no travel or travel advance is authorized.
  - c. One instance of non-official use.
  - d. Two instances of non-payment of amount due.
5. Unauthorized use of Government credit cards is inappropriate and unacceptable behavior and violates the high standards of conduct expected of all Little Rock District employees. Unofficial use of the card and/or failure to pay will subject the employee to disciplinary and other government administrative action and possible legal action from Bank of America (see enclosure).

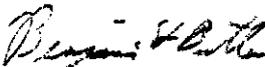
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6. Point of contact is Eileen N. Grant, Chief of Logistics, at 501-324-5650.

Encl  
Bank of America contract

  
Benjamin H. Butler  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

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This supersedes Policy Memorandum No. 97-2, dated 31 January 1997

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEE AND  
BANK OF AMERICA, N. A. (USA)**

**IMPORTANT:** BEFORE YOU SIGN THE INDIVIDUALLY BILLED CARD ACCOUNT SETUP/APPLICATION FORM, OR SIGN OR USE THE GOVERNMENT CARD, READ THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS THOROUGHLY. PLEASE RETAIN THIS AGREEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

**1. DEFINITIONS.** In this Agreement, the word "Agreement" means this document as modified by any amendment issued pursuant to Section 16. The word "we" "Bank of America" or "us" refers to Bank of America, N. A. (USA), the issuer of the Card. The "GSA Contract" refers to the General Services Administration Contract No. GS-23F-98004. The word "Program" means the card program established pursuant to the GSA contract. "Agency/Organization" means the United States federal agency, bureau, division, office or other organizational entity participating in the Program that has requested/authorized Bank of America to open an account for you. The word "cardholder", "you" or "your" means the Agency/Organization employee whose name appears on the Card. The word "Government Card", "Card" or "Cards" means the card issued to you by us under the Program. "Account" means the account established by us in connection with the Government Card. "Cash Advance" is a cash advance obtained through use of the Account at any participating affiliated automated teller machine ("ATM") or any financial institution or other establishment authorized to process and grant you a cash advance.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT.** BY ACTIVATING, SIGNING OR USING THE CARD AND/OR THE ACCOUNT OR SIGNING THE INDIVIDUALLY BILLED CARD ACCOUNT SETUP/APPLICATION FORM, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRAVEL CARD PROGRAM, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, YOU MUST NOTIFY BANK OF AMERICA IN WRITING, CUT THE CARD IN MULTIPLE PIECES AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THE PIECES.

**3. PROMISE TO PAY; LIABILITY.** All amounts charged to the Account including purchases, Cash Advances and fees will be called "Charges." You promise to pay for all Charges made by you or anyone you allow to use the Account until paid in full. (Pursuant to Section 6 below, you should not

allow other persons to use the card for any reason.) You, as the Cardholder, are responsible for making payment to Bank of America. Official travel and travel-related expenses charged to the Card will be reimbursed by the Agency/Organization under the Agency's/Organization's expense reimbursement procedures applicable to you. You also agree to report your expenses promptly to the Agency/Organization in accordance with its expense reimbursement procedures. You are responsible for all Charges made with the Card even if you let someone else use the Card. You must retrieve the Card from that person to avoid further liability.

**4. TYPE OF ACCOUNT.** Your Account is either a restricted or standard Account. Restricted Accounts generally have lower credit limits and are subject to more restrictions as to their use. Circumstances where a restricted Account may be established include, but are not limited to, (1) the cardholder has instructed Bank of America not to obtain reports concerning his/her credit, or (2) the Agency/Organization program coordinator has requested or approved a restricted card. Your Agency/Organization may change your account from a standard Account to a restricted Account or from a restricted Account to a standard Account.

**5. DISCLOSURE OF ACCOUNT INFORMATION.** In addition to routine uses under the Privacy Act, you authorize Bank of America to: (1) provide information about your Account to Bank of America's service providers administering your Account under the GSA Contract; (2) disclose all necessary Account information to outside attorneys representing Bank of America in connection with any legal or administrative proceeding involving your Account or Bank of America's actions under this Agreement; (3) provide all necessary Account information to Bank of America's auditors in the course of any audit; (4) disclose all necessary Account information to outside attorneys, collection agencies or credit bureaus if we refer all or part of the Account for collection in accordance with the GSA Contract and your Agency/Organization's task order and (5) disclose all necessary Account information to credit reporting agencies to obtain reports concerning your credit consistent with your Agency's/Organization's agreement with union officials, if applicable. You understand that past due Accounts as well as other Account information

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will be reported to your Agency/Organization. By signing the Individually Billed Card Account Setup/Application Form, Department of Defense Travel Card Program, you are providing your written consent to the disclosure of Account information as provided in this Section 5.

6. **USE OF GOVERNMENT CARD.** The use of your Government Travel Charge Card is based on your authorized travel status and you agree to use the Card only during or in direct support of (advance reservations, etc.) the period designated by your travel orders and your Agency/Organization. You agree to use the Card only for official travel and official travel related expenses away from your official station/duty station in accordance with your Agency/Organization policy. You agree not to use the Card for personal, family or household purposes. Charging privileges on the Card are provided by Bank of America pursuant to the GSA Contract and the task order of your Agency/Organization. No other person is permitted to use the Card issued to you for Charges or for any other reason.

7. **CREDIT LIMITS.** Bank of America may establish one or more credit limits for your Account ("Limits") and such Limits may be increased or decreased as directed by your Agency/Organization. Your initial aggregate limit is shown on the mailer containing your card. Generally, the credit limit for Standard Accounts is \$2500.00 with \$250.00 available for ATM cash withdrawal per billing cycle. The Restricted Account limits are \$1000.00 with \$100.00 available for ATM cash withdrawal per billing cycle. You should either call Bank of America or contact your Agency/Organization Program Coordinator to obtain your current limits. You understand that your aggregate Limit is the maximum amount of credit that you can have outstanding on your Account at any time. You further understand that the types and amounts of the Limits may be set or changed by your Agency/Organization at any time without notice from Bank of America. If you make a credit request that would exceed the applicable limitation, Bank of America, at the direction of your Agency/Organization, can approve or deny the credit request.

8. **OBTAINING CREDIT REPORTS.** Unless on your Individually Billed Card Account Setup/Application Form, Department of Defense Travel Card Program,

you either (i) instructed us not to obtain reports concerning your credit, or (ii) failed to expressly consent to the terms of this Agreement, you authorize Bank of America to obtain from credit bureaus and other credit reporting agencies reports concerning your credit consistent with your Agency/Organization's agreement with union officials (if applicable).

9. **PAYMENT.** We will send statements of all Charges to you. All payments are due in full by the due date specified on your statement ("Due Date"). You should notify us immediately of any change in your billing address by calling the number indicated in Section 17. Payments must be made in U.S. currency, in electronic form or with a money order payable in U.S. dollars, or with a draft or a check drawn on a bank in the U.S. and payable in U.S. dollars. If we decide to accept a payment made in some other form, payment will not be credited to your Account until your payment is converted into one of the forms just mentioned. We may accept late payments, partial payments or checks and money orders marked "payment in full" or with other restrictive endorsements without losing any rights under this Agreement or under the law.

A. **Disputes:** In order to dispute a charge, you must notify Bank of America of the dispute within 60 days of your receipt of the statement on which the Charge first appeared.

10. **SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION.** Suspension or cancellation does not affect the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation your obligation to pay the balance of your Account, until your obligation to Bank of America under this Agreement has been satisfied.

A. **Suspension:** Bank of America may suspend your Account and prohibit further Charges if (i) payment for any undisputed principal amount is not received within 61 calendar days from the closing date on the statement in which the unpaid Charge first appeared, or within the timeframe specified in the Agency/Organization task order, unless otherwise directed by the Agency/Organization Program Coordinator, or (ii) the Agency/Organization or GSA requests the suspension. Bank of America will reinstate your suspended account upon full payment of the amount due unless otherwise directed by the Agency/Organization.

B. **Cancellation by Cardholder:** You may cancel the Card at any time by notifying Bank of America,

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cutting the Card in multiple pieces and properly disposing of the pieces.

**C. Cancellation by Bank of America**

(i). Automatic Cancellation: The Card and the Account will automatically be canceled upon (a) termination of your employment with the Agency/Organization regardless of the reason; (b) termination or expiration of the GSA Contract and/or Agency/Organization task order; (c) request of the Agency/Organization or GSA; (d) request of Bank of America with the permission of the Agency/Organization or (e) your filing for bankruptcy protection, if the Account or Account obligation is referenced in any documents filed in connection with the bankruptcy proceeding. Upon cancellation, you agree to destroy the card by cutting into multiple pieces and disposing of properly.

(ii). Cancellation Due to Delinquency: Bank of America may cancel your Account if (a) the Account has been suspended two times during a 12 month period for non-payment of undisputed principal amounts and is past due again; for purpose of this section 10.C.(ii).(a), "past due" means payment is not received within 45 calendar days from the closing date on the statement of Account in which the Charge first appeared; (b) the Account is 126 calendar days past due from the closing date on the statement of Account in which the unpaid Charge first appeared, or within the timeframe specified in the Agency/Organization task order, unless otherwise directed by the Agency/Organization Program Coordinator, or (c) the Agency/Organization or GSA requests the cancellation. Bank of America may reinstate a canceled Account upon payment of the amount due and any fees assessed. Account statements may not (at the option of Bank of America) be sent after an Account has been canceled.

**D. Cancellation by Agency/Organization**. Your Agency/Organization may cancel your Account at any time.

**11. ATM USAGE**. If your Agency/Organization is participating in the Bank of America ATM Program for Government Cardholders, you will separately receive a Personal Identification Number ("PIN"). You may then obtain Cash Advances at an ATM when authorized in accordance with Agency/Organization procedures.

**12. NO WAIVER OF BANK OF AMERICA'S RIGHTS**. All rights and remedies of Bank of America are

cumulative and may be pursued singularly, successively or together, at the option of Bank of America. Except as expressly provided below in this Section 12, Bank of America's failure at any time to exercise any of its rights hereunder or any rights shall not constitute a waiver nor otherwise bar the exercise of any of these options or rights at a later date. Bank of America waives its right to suspend the Account for a particular Charge if suspension procedures are not initiated within 180 calendar days of the closing date on the statement of Account in which the Charge first appeared. Bank of America waives its right to cancel the Account for a particular Charge if cancellation procedures are not initiated within 180 calendar days of the closing date on the statement of Account in which the Charge first appeared.

**13. TRAVELERS CHECKS**. If your Agency/Organization is participating in the Bank of America Travelers Check program for Government cardholders, you may purchase travelers checks when authorized in accordance with your Agency/Organization procedures and a Travelers Check Fee of 1.5% of the total amount of the checks purchased will apply. If your Agency/Organization has negotiated a lower Travelers Check Fee, the lower amount will apply.

**14. CHARGES**. You agree to pay the following Charges unless your Agency/Organization has negotiated a lower rate or fee, in which case, you will pay the lower amount.

**Return Check Fee**. \$29.00 for any payment that is returned for any reason.

**Cash Advance Fee**. \$2 or 3% of the

amount of each Cash Advance, whichever is greater.

**Delinquency and Collection Charges**. To the extent not prohibited by law, if Bank of America refers your Account for collection, you will pay Bank of America's collection costs, court costs and attorneys fees. Such costs include but are not limited to, allocated costs for attorneys, not to exceed 25% of the account balance, and collectors who are employed by Bank of America or its affiliates, and fees paid by Bank of America to your

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Agency/Organization in connection with salary offset.

**Late Fee.** A late payment fee in the amount of \$29.00 will be assessed when payment for the full undisputed charges identified on the monthly statement is not remitted within two billing cycles plus 15 days past the statement closing date on the statement of Account in which the Charge first

appeared. If the Account is subject to split disbursement and the Government notifies Bank of America that payment delay was caused by the Government and not the Cardholder, then the late fee will be assessed if full payment is not received within 30 days after the Government notification to Bank of America of such payment error. The late payment fee will continue to be assessed each billing cycle until the past due amounts are brought current.

**Expedited Card Delivery Fee.** \$20 for any request for expedited card delivery (premium delivery by other than U.S. Postal Service standard first class bulk postage) for individuals not in a travel status, except emergency replacement of damaged, lost or stolen cards.

**15. CONVERSION OF FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS.**

Charges made in a foreign currency will be converted into U.S. Dollars. The conversion rate used will be at least as favorable as an interbank rate or where required by law, an official rate. This rate shall be the one in existence at the time the transaction is processed.

**16. CHANGE IN TERMS.**

Bank of America may, with the written consent of GSA and your Agency/Organization, change the terms of this agreement upon 30-day written or electronic notice to you. You agree that the new terms provided in any such notice may apply both to your new transactions and to your account balance on the date the change becomes effective. If you do not agree to a change in terms of this agreement, then prior to the effective date of the change, you must notify us, cut the card in multiple pieces, and properly dispose of the pieces.

**17. LOST OR STOLEN CARD/REPLACEMENT.**

If your Card is lost or stolen, or if you think another person may use your Account without your permission, you must notify Bank of America immediately by calling the number listed below.

Within United States 1-800-472-1424  
Collect Calls for out of United States (757) 441-4124  
You may confirm your notification by writing to  
Bank of America  
Security Department  
P.O. Box 1350  
Norfolk, VA 23501

If there is any unauthorized use of your Card or Account you agree to cooperate with Bank of America during its investigation, which will include your completion of a Cardholder Statement of Disputed Item. Should you need a replacement card, please call the same telephone number listed in this Section 17 for lost or stolen Cards.

**18. DEACTIVATION OF ACCOUNT.**

Your Account may be deactivated by your agency/organization at any time. Deactivated Accounts must be re-activated by your Agency/Organization before any Charges will be permitted.

**19. LIMITATION OF DAMAGES.**

In no event shall Bank of America be liable to you for any consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages of any nature.

**20. COLLECTION/TELEPHONE MONITORING.**

You agree that if you do not pay your Account, Bank of America or its collection agent may call you regarding the collection of your Account. You understand that the calls could be automatically dialed and a recorded message may be played. You agree such calls will not be "unsolicited" calls for purposes of local, state or federal law. You agree that we may monitor telephone calls between you and us to ensure the quality of the customer service we provide.

**21. CHANGES TO NAME, ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT.**

You understand that Bank of America will send Account Statements, replacement or renewal Cards, or other notices to the address shown in its records. You will promptly notify Bank of America of any change in your name, address or employment.

**22. NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

Each Card is non-transferable.

Telephone Numbers:

Core Agreement  
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23. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

24. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** You agree that Bank of America may at any time assign or transfer to another person your Account, your Account balance, or this Agreement. The persons to whom Bank of America transfers or assigns your account, your Account balance, or this Agreement will have all of Bank of America's rights under this Agreement. You will not assign or transfer any of your rights or duties under this Agreement, and this Agreement is binding on your successors, heirs and legal representatives and upon anyone to whom you assign your assets or who succeeds to them.

25. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Agreement and your Account are subject to the GSA Contract and shall be governed by Arizona law and the laws of the United States. This Agreement is entered into in Arizona and all credit will be extended by Bank of America from Arizona.

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:**

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), the following notice is provided: The information requested on the card application form is collected pursuant to Executive Order 9397 and chapter 57, title 5, United States Code, for the purposes of recording travel expenses incurred by the employee/member and to claim entitlements and allowances prescribed in applicable federal travel regulations. The purpose of the collection of this information is to provide Government agencies necessary information on the GSA travel card contract which provides travelers with charge cards for official travel and related expenses, attendant operational and control support, and management information reports for expense control. Routine uses which may be made of the collected information and other account information in the system or records entitled "Travel Charge Card Program GSA/GOVT-3" are as follows: (1) transfers to appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, administrative, or regulatory investigations, (2) pursuant to a request of another Federal agency in connection with hiring, retention, issuing a security clearance, reporting an employee investigation, clarifying a job, letter or contract or issuing a license, grant, or other benefit, (3) to a Member of Congress or to a Congressional Staff

Member in response to an inquiry of the Congressional Office made at the request of the individual about whom the record is maintained, (4) to officials of labor organizations when necessary to their duties of exclusive representation, (5) to a Federal agency for accumulating reporting data and monitoring the system, (6) GSA contract travel agents assigned to agencies for billing of travel expenses, (7) listing, reports, and records to GSA by the contractor to conduct audits of carrier charges to the Government, and (8) any other use specified by GSA in the system of records entitled "Travel Charge Card Program GSA/GOVT-3," as published in the Federal Register periodically by GSA. The information requested is not mandatory. Failure to provide the information will nullify the application, and a charge card will not be issued to the employee/member.