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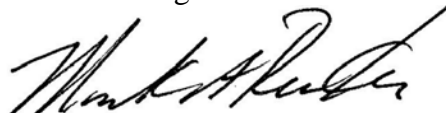
Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice AS-2302**

**For:** FFAS Offices

**Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service (FFAS) Purchase Card FY 2016 Yearend Guidance**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator for Management



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**1 Overview**

**A Background**

Yearend purchase card activity guidance is needed to facilitate FY closeout.

**B Purpose**

This notice:

- applies to the international, national, regional, state, and county FFAS offices, and
- provides cutoff dates for reallocating purchase card transactions.

See Notice AS-2298 for all other FY 2016 yearend procurement requisition submissions.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
December 1, 2016	All FAS, FSA, and RMA Offices; State Office relay to County Offices



# 1 Overview (Continued)

## C Contacts

Direct questions about this notice to the appropriate contact according to the following table.

IF there are questions about...	THEN contact ...
the purchase card program	<p>any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheryl Welch, agency program coordinator (APC), by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-mail to <b>sheryl.welch@kcc.usda.gov</b>, or</li> <li>telephone at 816-926-6108</li> </ul> </li> <li>LaVerne Walker, APC, by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-mail to <b>laverne.walker@wdc.usda.gov</b>, or</li> <li>telephone at 202-720-4044</li> </ul> </li> <li>Yvonne Howerton, Head of Contracting Activity Designee (HCAD), Acquisitions Management Division (AMD) director by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-mail to <b>yvonne.howerton@wdc.usda.gov</b>, or</li> <li>telephone at 202-690-5401</li> </ul> </li> <li>Brantt Lindsey, branch chief by either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-mail to <b>brantt.lindsey@kcc.usda.gov</b>, or</li> <li>telephone at 816-926-1541.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## 2 Policy

### A FAS Purchase Cardholders

The following apply to FAS purchase cardholders and approving officials:

- starting immediately, request that merchants process transactions promptly,
- the deadline for purchases is **Friday, September 2, 2016**,

**Note:** FAS purchase cardholders and approving officials must cease making purchase card transactions, whether for purchase or payment, after **September 2, 2016**, for domestic purchases **only**.

- on **Friday, September 2, 2016**, start performing reallocations and approvals in U.S. Bank Access<sup>®</sup> Online (AXOL) **daily**,

**Note:** Because of the new GL Extract rules released on May 22, 2015, reallocations will only post to Financial Management Modernization Initiative (FMMI) if the transaction has been paid and has been final approved. This means that approvers will need to finish their actions on all allocations to trigger the posting to FMMI and cardholders will need to know what transactions have **not** yet been final approved.

- no later than **Thursday, September 22, 2016**, **cardholders** must e-mail yearend estimates to **deniz.alpsar@fas.usda.gov** and **william.davis@fas.usda.gov**,

**Note:** Yearend estimates are for transactions that have **not** been **final approved** in AXOL. Provide the following information in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for each purchase not reallocated.

Cardholder Name	FRN	Line of Accounting	BOC	Amount
John Smith	7200001234	1055SEAOPD9300000HQAOPS04	2671	\$64.50
Jane Doe	7200005678	1055SEAOPD7600000HQAOPS04	2240	\$1,004.32

- on **Friday, September 30, 2016**, the interface between AXOL and FMMI will be taken offline at the close of business (COB).

**Note:** For urgent or emergency FAS requirements after the provided deadlines, the requestor shall obtain approval from their deputy administrator through the FAS budget office. Purchase cardholders and contracting officers shall **not** go outside of these timeframes without this approval.



## 2 Policy (Continued)

### B FSA Purchase Cardholders

The following apply to FSA purchase cardholders and approving officials:

- starting immediately, request that merchants process transactions promptly,
- starting **Friday, September 9, 2016**, start performing reallocations and approvals in AXOL **daily**,

**Note:** Because of new GL Extract rules released on May 22, 2015, reallocations will only post to FMFI if the transaction has been paid and has been final approved. This means that approvers will need to finish their actions on all allocations to trigger the posting to FMFI and cardholders will need to know what transactions have **not** yet been final approved.

- after **Friday, September 16, 2016**, cease making purchase card transactions, whether for purchase or payment,

**Note:** Coordinate emergency purchases after **September 16, 2016**, with the Kansas City Financial Accounting Office.

- no later than **Friday, September 16, 2016**, cardholders shall provide the following information, for all transactions that were not **final approved** in AXOL, to their local agency program coordinator (LAPC), and

**Note:** LAPC's shall then e-mail a combined yearend estimate report to **cena.gribble@kcc.usda.gov** for the cardholders under their responsibility. LAPC's shall combine totals for individual budget object codes (BOC's). Individual transactions amounts, number of transactions, etc., data is not necessary for this effort. Provide the following information in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet by section.

Agency-Section <u>1</u> /	Line of Accounting	BOC	Total Amount
FSA-KC	FA58457284000000	2671	\$300.73
FSA-KC	FA58457284000000	2639	\$65,000.00

Agency-State-Section <u>1</u> /	Line of Accounting	BOC	Total Amount
FSA-STO-FL	FA58401284000000	2671	\$30.73
FSA-COF-FL	CE58712000000000	2639	\$1,000.00

1/ For tracking purposes.

- on **Friday, September 30, 2016**, the interface between AXOL and FMFI will be taken offline at COB.



## 2 Policy (Continued)

### C RMA Purchase Cardholders

The following apply to RMA purchase cardholders and approving officials:

- starting **immediately**, request that merchants process transactions promptly,
- after **Friday, September 16, 2016**, cease making purchase card transactions, whether for purchase or payment,
- starting **Friday, September 16, 2016**, perform reallocations and approvals in AXOL **daily**,

**Note:** Because of new GL Extract rules released on May 22, 2015, reallocations will only post to FMMI if the transaction has been paid and has been final approved. This means that approvers will need to finish their actions on all allocations to trigger the posting to FMMI and cardholders will need to know what transactions have **not** yet been final approved.

- no later than **Friday, September 16, 2016**, each office shall e-mail transactions that have not been **final approved** in AXOL to **amy.gibbs@rma.usda.gov** using the yearend estimate spreadsheet provided separately in the RMA's yearend closing instructions, and
- on **Friday, September 30, 2016**, the interface between AXOL and FMMI is taken offline at COB.

### D All FFAS Resuming Operations After Yearend Cut Off

On **Monday, October 3, 2016**, FMMI will resume operation and will post any transactions that occurred during FMMI shutdown. Cardholders and approving officials may begin to handle any approvals and/or reallocations in AXOL, even though FY 2016 default accounting will **not** be added until the following week.

On **Tuesday, October 11, 2016**, transactions posted after Monday, October 10, 2016, will reflect FY 2017 accounting in AXOL and cardholders **must** ensure that transactions reflect the correct FY accounting during the reallocation process. FY 2016 and FY 2017 accounting codes will **both** be available in FY 2017 until the agency requests FY 2016 accounting codes be removed from AXOL.