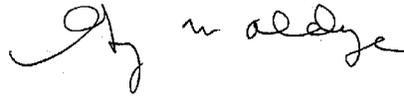


For: FSA and FAS Offices

Change of Government Charge Card Contractor

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Nations Bank-Visa

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Background

USDA recently awarded a contract to Nations Bank-Visa to provide charge cards to Government employees for official travel.

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Action

Employees should continue to use their Government-issued American Express cards for official use only.

Cardholders will receive new American Express cards as their old ones expire, even if they will only use them for a short period of time. The new expiration dates will be set as if the contract was not expiring.

Despite an expiration date after November 30, 1998, the cards will deactivate at 11:59 p.m. on November 29, 1998.

Further instructions will be provided on the transition to Nations Bank-Visa in the near future.

No further information is available at this time.

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Contact

If there are questions about this notice, contact FMD Travel Unit at 703-305-1408.

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