

UNIVERSITY *of* HOUSTON
MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: Procurement
AREA: Procurement - General

Number: 04.01.11

SUBJECT: Procurement Card

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The State of Texas contracts with a bank to issue procurement cards (P-Cards) to state agencies and universities that wish to use them. The University of Houston uses P-Cards, which are billed to the university, to increase the efficiency of the procurement process and reduce out-of-pocket reimbursements for purchases that do not require a purchase order or contract.

This document assigns responsibilities and assists university personnel in the appropriate use and administration of P-Cards.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. Accounts Payable is responsible to provide training and guidelines to cardholders and administrators for the appropriate use and administration of P-Cards. Accounts Payable also serves as the intermediary between the bank and cardholders/administrators by issuing/canceling P-Cards, reporting disputed charges to the bank on the cardholder's behalf, and processing payments to the bank.
- B. College/Division Administrators (CDAs) are responsible for overseeing the use and administration of P-Cards within their college/division. Though College/Division Administrators may delegate certain administrative tasks to others within their college/division, known as Business Contacts, the CDAs are responsible for ensuring that all tasks are completed accurately and timely.
- C. All College/Division Administrators, Business Contacts, and cardholders must comply with the P-Card guidelines issued by Accounts Payable, which are located on the UH Finance website.
- D. Accounts Payable will notify the College/Division Administrator of any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with these guidelines. Depending on the number and severity of the non-compliance, Accounts Payable might inactivate or cancel a P-Card, and the cardholder might be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment and criminal charges.

III. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible Party: Associate Vice President for Finance

Review: Every three years, on or before January 1

IV. APPROVAL

Jim McShan
Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance

John M. Rudley
Interim President

Date of Interim President's Approval: October 16, 2007

V. REFERENCES

P-Card Guidelines http://www.uh.edu/finance/pages/AP_Pcard.htm