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## MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT OF THE PURCHASE CARD PROGRAM

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### Introduction

The NASA Shared Services Center's (NSSC) overall objective of the Purchase Card (P-Card) Program is to simplify the purchasing process for micro-purchases, improve cash payment management, streamline small purchase payment procedures, and to implement a cross-agency purchase card audit program. The NSSC performs the function of the Agency Lead P-Card Coordinator (APC). The APC is responsible for ensuring the design and deployment of the purchase card process. The APC also serves as Contracting Officer and primary POC for the NASA Task Order awarded through General Services Administration (GSA) SmartPay 2 Contract to JPMorgan Chase. The Contracting Officer has full authority to act on the behalf of NASA on issues related to the Purchase, Travel, and Fleet Card Services received under the GSA Task Order. The NSSC, as the Agency Lead Purchase Card Coordinator fulfills the following:

- Develop/update the Agency Internal Review Guide and Audit Plan.
- Coordinate and lead regular telecons and meetings with Center Agency Program coordinators (CAPC) to discuss operational issues, identify agency best practices, etc.
- Ensure P-Card Web Solution/SAP related issues are discussed with the NASA Enterprise Applications Competency Center (NEACC) and leads to resolution. Issues associated with the P-Card Web Solution are the responsibility of the NEACC, and will be resolved by the NEACC.
- Work on Agency level (and some Center level) operational issues with JPMorgan Chase Bank.
- Create and maintain the Purchase Card Training Course in System for Administration, Training, and Education Resources for NASA (SATERN), the agency's Web-based training system.
- Create and maintain an Agency Purchase Card Webpage.
- Work with HQ Office of Procurement on policy development and policy revisions.
- Prepare and submit monthly Agency Purchase Card Delinquency Reports to HQ OCFO.
- Create the Agency's OMB Quarterly Report and post it to OMB's MAX Webpage.
- Prepare the Agency's annual OMB Narrative and post it to OMB's MAX Webpage as well as the annual Agency's Charge Card Management Plan.
- Communicate with CAPC's across the Agency on current information about the need to Center level Purchase Card auditing including sending articles,

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guidelines (GAO and GSA guides, etc.) and generally encouraging regular audits of cardholder activity.

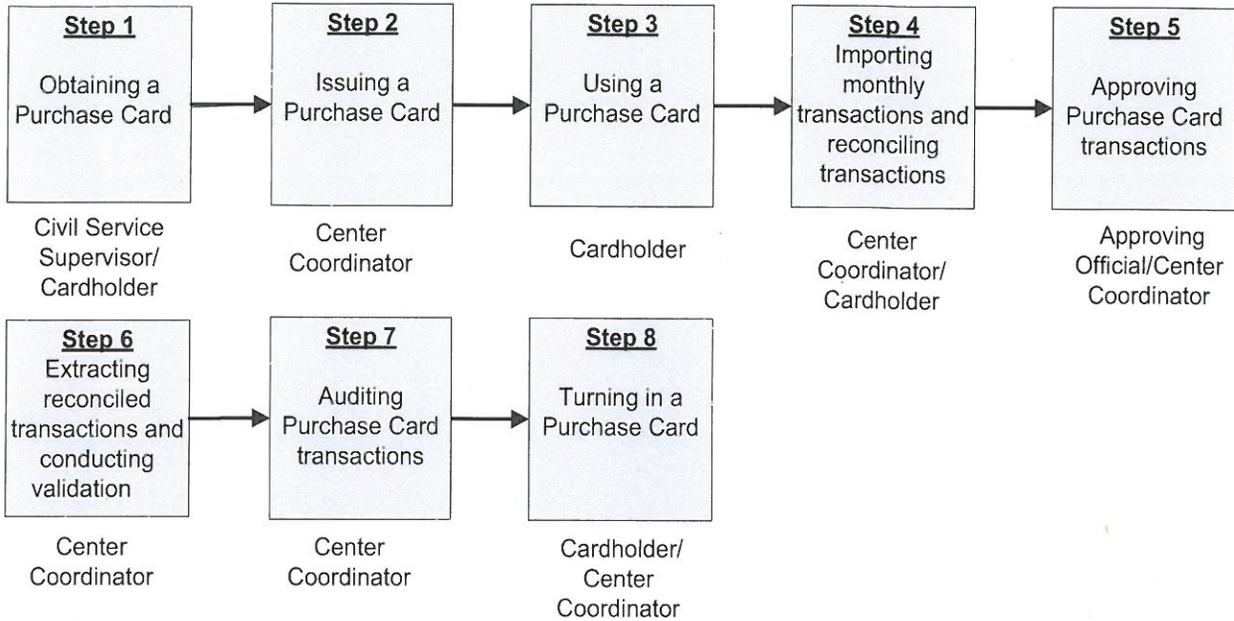
- Run Agency-level audit reports (as needed) for both internal and external customers from the bank's electronic access system (PaymentNet) and VISA's data mining system, Intellilink. Coordinate P-Card Web Solution system reports with the NEACC.
- Determine the best use of fraud detection/data mining for Agency-level auditing.
- Participate in GSA's Quarterly Agency Coordinators Meeting to keep abreast of issues facing GSA and Agencies.
- Attend GSA Smart Pay Annual conference and lead the NASA Agency breakout session at the conference.
- Participate in Annual Account Reviews with the Bank in conjunction with the Travel and Fleet Leads.
- Serve as the POC for external audits, such as those performed by the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Government Accountability Office (GAO).
- Assist the Center APC (CAPC) by conducting audits at each Center, when necessary.
- Ensure each Center has developed and/or initiated corrective actions, where applicable.
- Ensure Purchase Cards are properly issued, used, and meet all Federal and Agency Requirements.
- Ensure CAPCs, Cardholders and Approving Officials are delegated and trained.
- Ensure Purchase Card transactions are reconciled, approved, and submitted to NSSC Accounts Payable Team for prompt payment processing.

Centers retain the responsibility for issuing, monitoring, and auditing their purchase cards. The CAPC will remain the Centers' point of contact for all immediate p-card issues. CAPCs are encouraged to support the NSSC in its efforts to:

- Facilitate and standardize an Agency P-Card audit program.
- Assist in audits conducted by NASA Office of Inspector General, GAO, etc.
- Assist in the development and maintenance of common Agency P-Card training materials.
- Research and assist in the establishment of best practices and procedures, review and analyze current purchase card practices to advance commonality and standardization of P-card activities across the Agency.

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## Purchase Card Process



### Roles & Responsibilities

Purchase Card Process		
Roles and Responsibilities	Action	Tips/Notes
<b>Step 1A</b> <b>Civil Service Supervisor and/or Purchase Card Approving Official</b>  Obtain purchase card	Identify need for purchase card use. Send e-mail request of nominated cardholder to the Center Agency Program Coordinator (CAPC); Initiate a NAMS Request for access to P-Card Web Solution System.	The employee's supervisor//Approving Official (AO) shall initiate the request for purchase card based on needs of the organization

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Purchase Card Process		
Roles and Responsibilities	Action	Tips/Notes
<u><b>Step 1B</b></u>  <b>Civil Service Employee/Prospective Purchase Cardholder</b>  Complete required training	Complete the required two mandatory p-card SATERN training courses: NASA Purchase Card Program and NEACC1035 Bankcard Purchases and Desktop Receiving. Provide completion certificates to the CAPC.	
<u><b>Step 2A</b></u>  <b>Center Agency Program Coordinator (CAPC)</b>  Issue purchase card	Receive request for new purchase card; obtain training completion certificates. Create cardholder file; prepare Delegation of Procurement Authority memo for Procurement Officer's signature. Request card account within PaymentNet (bank's electronic access system).	
<u><b>Step 2B</b></u>  <b>CAPC</b>  Set-up profiles/roles in system	Set up Cardholder and Approving Official employee profile and roles in the P-Card Web Solution System; enter card account data.	
<u><b>Step 2C</b></u>  <b>CAPC</b>  Provide card and delegation memo to cardholder	Provide signed Delegation of Procurement Authority memo and training statement to new cardholder and maintain a copy of each in official record. Issue card to employee. Provide cardholder a copy of p-card policies, tax exempt letter, Center specific policies, and NEACC's tips/tricks for creating order logs and reconciling, etc. or provide links to these documents.	The CAPC receives the actual card from the Bankcard Vendor and presents to cardholder.
<u><b>Step 3A</b></u>  <b>Cardholder</b>  Use purchase card	Receive notice for purchase card purchase; verify that purchase is not a prohibited or restricted item and is an authorized purchase; that purchase is within single purchase limits; obtain any special approvals; check required sources; and consider special requirements for delivery, receipt inspection and calibration.	The NEACC has step-by-step procedures posted on the bReady Enterprise Portal under Enterprise Performance Support System (EPSS) Job Aids.

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Roles and Responsibilities	Action	Tips/Notes
<p><b><u>Step 3B</u></b></p> <p><b>Cardholder</b></p> <p>Create order log and place order</p>	Create the order log in P-Card Web Solution System and then place the order with the vendor.	Follow User procedure: "Create Record of Purchase" on the bReady Enterprise Portal's EPSS
<p><b><u>Step 3C</u></b></p> <p><b>Cardholder</b></p> <p>Receive &amp; Inspect items ordered</p>	Perform receiving inspection activities following the relevant procedures; if item is acceptable then record receipt of the item on the electronic Order Log in the P-Card Web Solution. If item is not acceptable, contact the vendor to arrange return and pick up of replacement item. Follow Center procedures that include any relevant receipt and inspection requirements, including delivery information.	The P-Card Web Solution system has a procedure for accepting deliverables. Deliverables may be received by desktop receiving, or via central receiving.
<p><b><u>Step 4A</u></b></p> <p><b>Center Agency Program Coordinator</b></p> <p>Importing monthly transactions for reconciliation</p>	After the cycle end date each month and after receipt of notification from the NEACC, import the purchase card transactions to P-Card Web Solution.	The NEACC retrieves card transactions from the bank contractor and uploads them to P-Card Web Solution
<p><b><u>Step 4B</u></b></p> <p><b>Cardholder</b></p> <p>Reconcile transactions</p>	Upon receipt of the purchase card transactions & monthly bank statement, reconcile the transactions against the order log information by the reconciliation date specified by the CAPC. If an erroneous charge appears, work with the vendor to resolve. If the dispute cannot be resolved with the vendor, the cardholder has 90 days from the transaction date to dispute the charge with JPMorgan.	Report any suspected fraudulent charges that appear on the statement to JPMorgan Fraud Department at 888-297-0782 or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:JPMorganChase.Fraud.Prevention@jpmchase.com">JPMorganChase.Fraud.Prevention@jpmchase.com</a> , to the CAPC, and to the NASA Office of

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Roles and Responsibilities	Action	Tips/Notes
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<u>Step 5</u> <b>Approving Official</b>  Approve monthly transactions	Review cardholder's reconciled transactions to ensure they have supporting documentation and are complete, accurate and reflect only authorized purchases and are within single purchase limits.	In all cases of purchase cardholder misuse, the cardholder will be required to repay the Government for all unauthorized purchases.
<u>Step 6</u> <b>Center Agency Program Coordinator</b>  Extract reconciled transactions and conduct validation	Extract transactions monthly to SAP (NASA's Accounting System); runs a PaymentNet report for verification that the PaymentNet value reconciles to the Purchase transaction report; perform the monthly extract of transactions which begins the Interface 60 to SAP (obligation and cost of funds by creation of purchase orders, credit memos and invoices); performs the Interface 60 validation process by executing WAT-web tool validation reports, performing manual line-by-line validation, if needed; performs Interface 57 corrections; complete the validation and Final Analysis report; Prepare and submit Validation sheet for NSSC Accounts Payable for payment processing.	The NEACC has step-by-step procedures posted on the bReady Enterprise Portal under EPSS Job Aids.
<u>Step 7</u> <b>Center Agency Program Coordinator</b>  Audit purchase card transactions	In accordance with the Internal Review Guide for CAPCs, run the required reports from P-Card Web Solution System, PaymentNet, and Intellilink. Perform other Center required audits.	
<u>Step 8</u> <b>Purchase Cardholder and Center Agency Program Coordinator</b>  Turn-in purchase card	Upon resigning, transferring or retiring, cardholder is to notify the CAPC and turn in the purchase card at least 30-day prior to release, if feasible. The CAPC will destroy the card and officially close the account with the bank once all transactions have been posted and paid.	

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**METRICS**

Initiating Office/Entity	Deliverable (Output)	Receiving Office/Entity	Metric
NSSC Procurement Division	Procurement Services	HQ Office of Procurement, Procurement Officers, and Center Purchase Card Coordinators	Customer satisfaction feedback

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**PRIVACY DATA**

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*All participants involved must ensure protection of all data covered by the Privacy Act.*

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## SYSTEM COMPONENTS

### Existing Systems

IT System Title	IT System Description	Access Requirements	IT System Interfaces
SAP-Core Financials	Accounting system of record	Supervisor approval of access via NAMS application.	P-Card Web Solution
P-Card Web Solution	On-line system that allows for creation of order logs, tracks p-card transactions, ensures funds are available before ordering.	NAMS application to obtain access.	SAP

### New Systems

IT System Title	IT System Description	Access Requirements	IT System Interfaces
SATERN	NASA's on-line training system	Request user ID and password	None
PaymentNet	JPMorgan Chase Bank's electronic access system used to request, manage, and close p-card accounts.	Lead or Center APC approves access request	None
Intellilink	VISA's Data Mining Tool used for program audit sampling and monitoring	Lead or Center APC approves access request	None

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## CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER STRATEGY

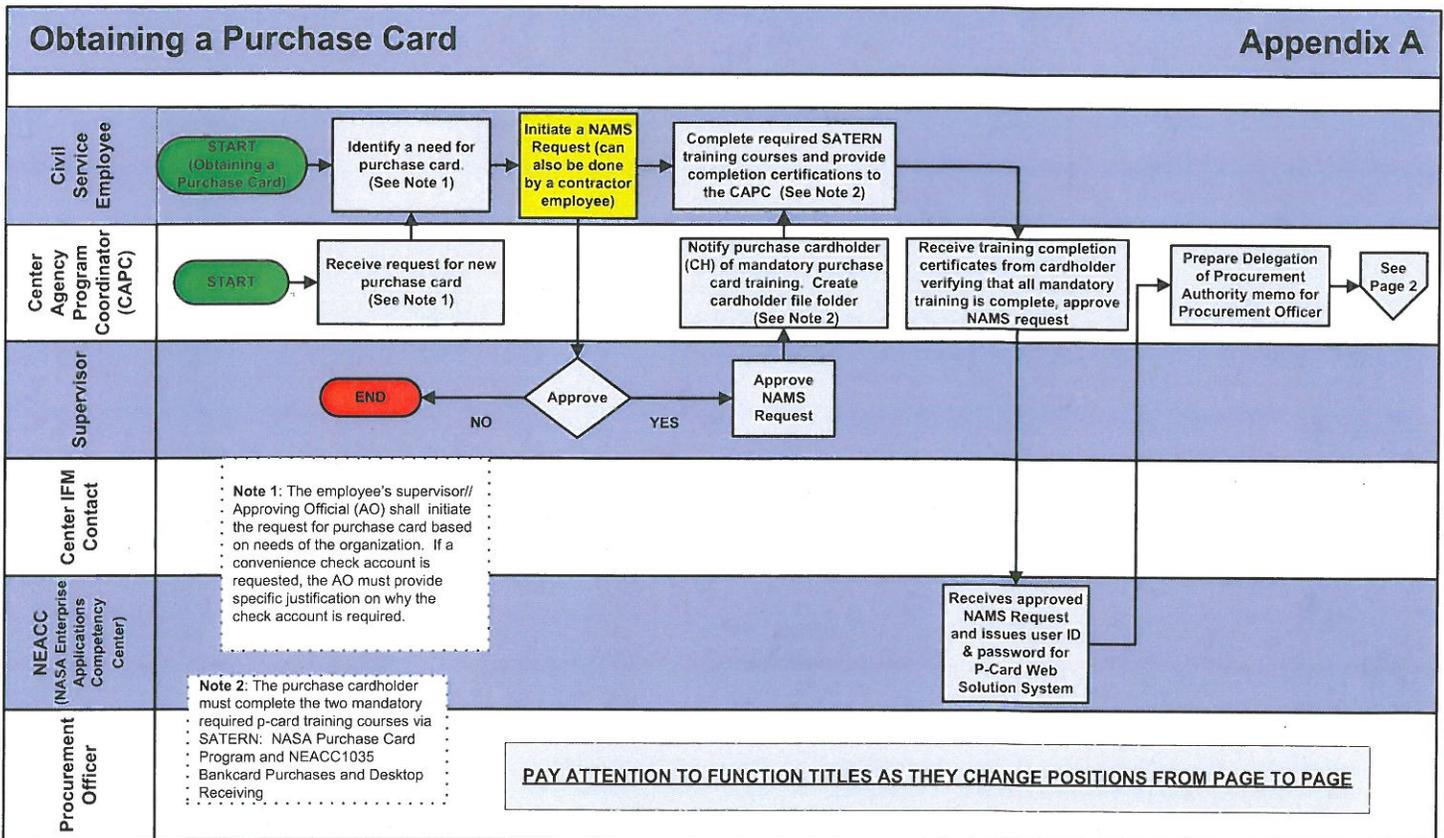
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The NSSC Customer Contact Center follows detailed menu positioning, routing, and escalation of inquiries for this activity. Calls will be assigned and handled as received. All calls receive the highest priority attainable and are resolved as quickly as possible.

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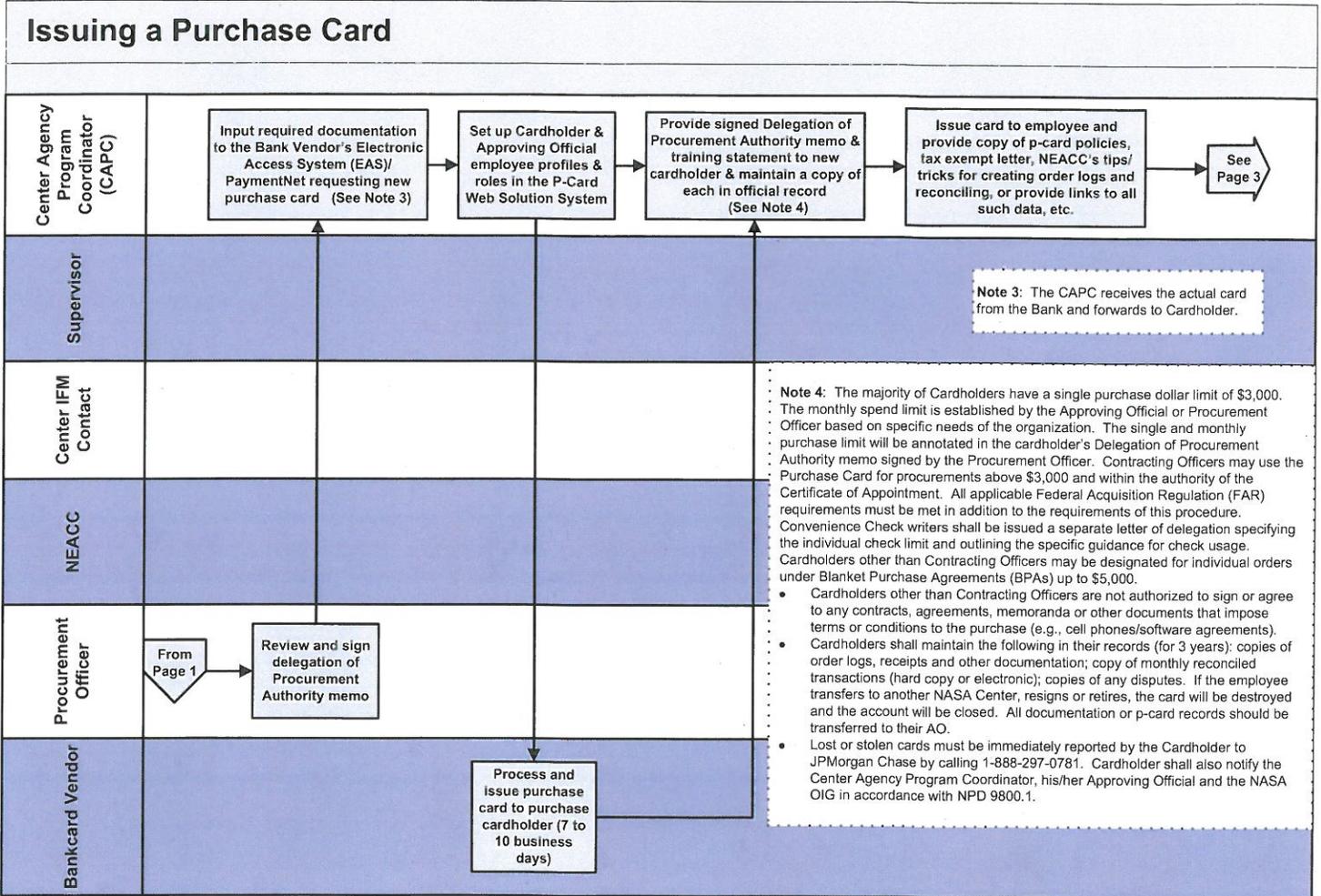
## APPENDIX (Purchase Card Process Flow)

### Appendix A



- Objectives:**
- To ensure purchase cards are properly issued, that cardholders are trained and issued delegations
  - To ensure purchase cards are used properly and meet federal and Agency requirements
  - To ensure purchase card transactions are reconciled, approved and submitted to the NSSC Accounts Payable for prompt payment
  - To perform required audits and conduct oversight activities
  - To ensure purchase cards are returned upon employee resignation, transfer, or retirement

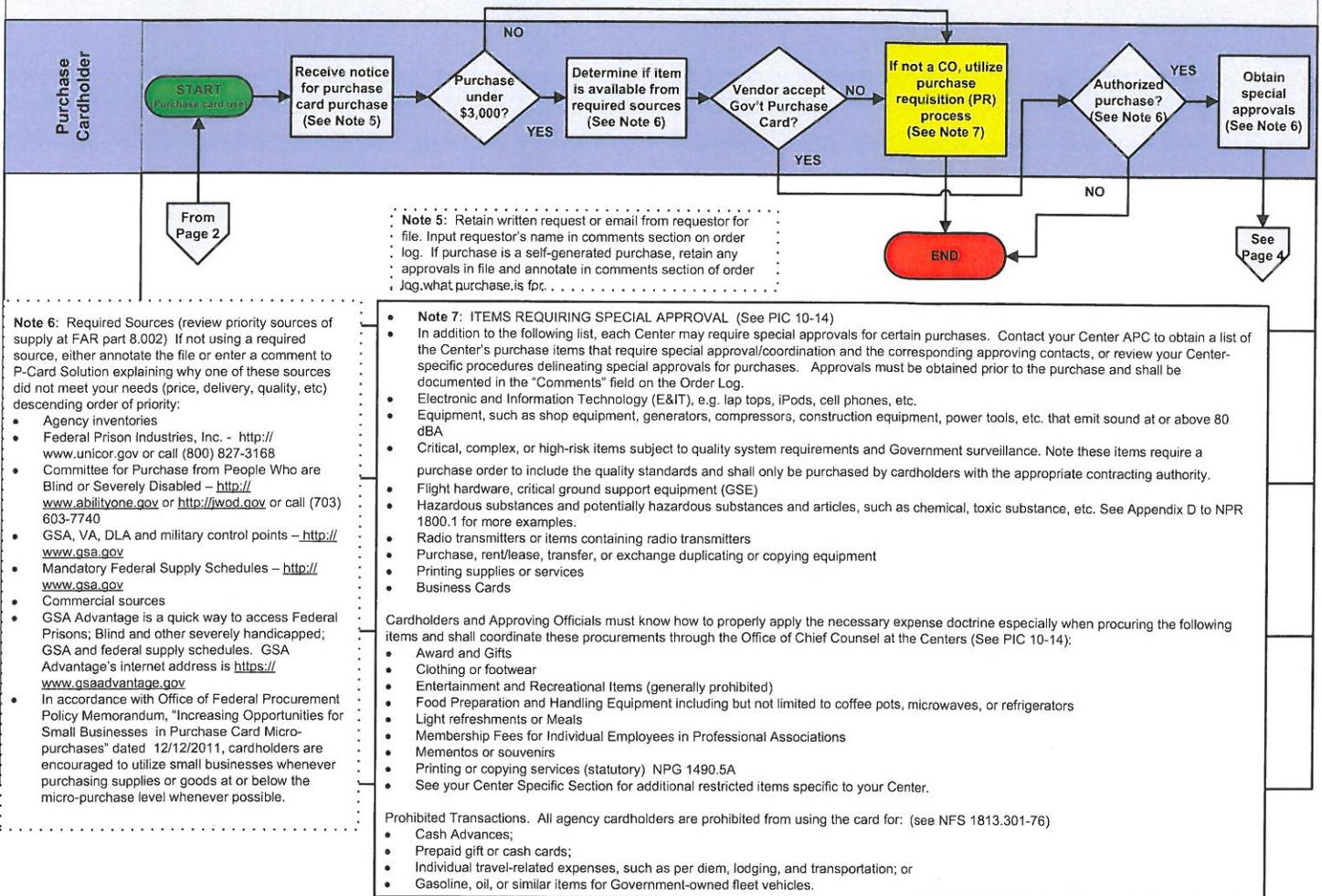
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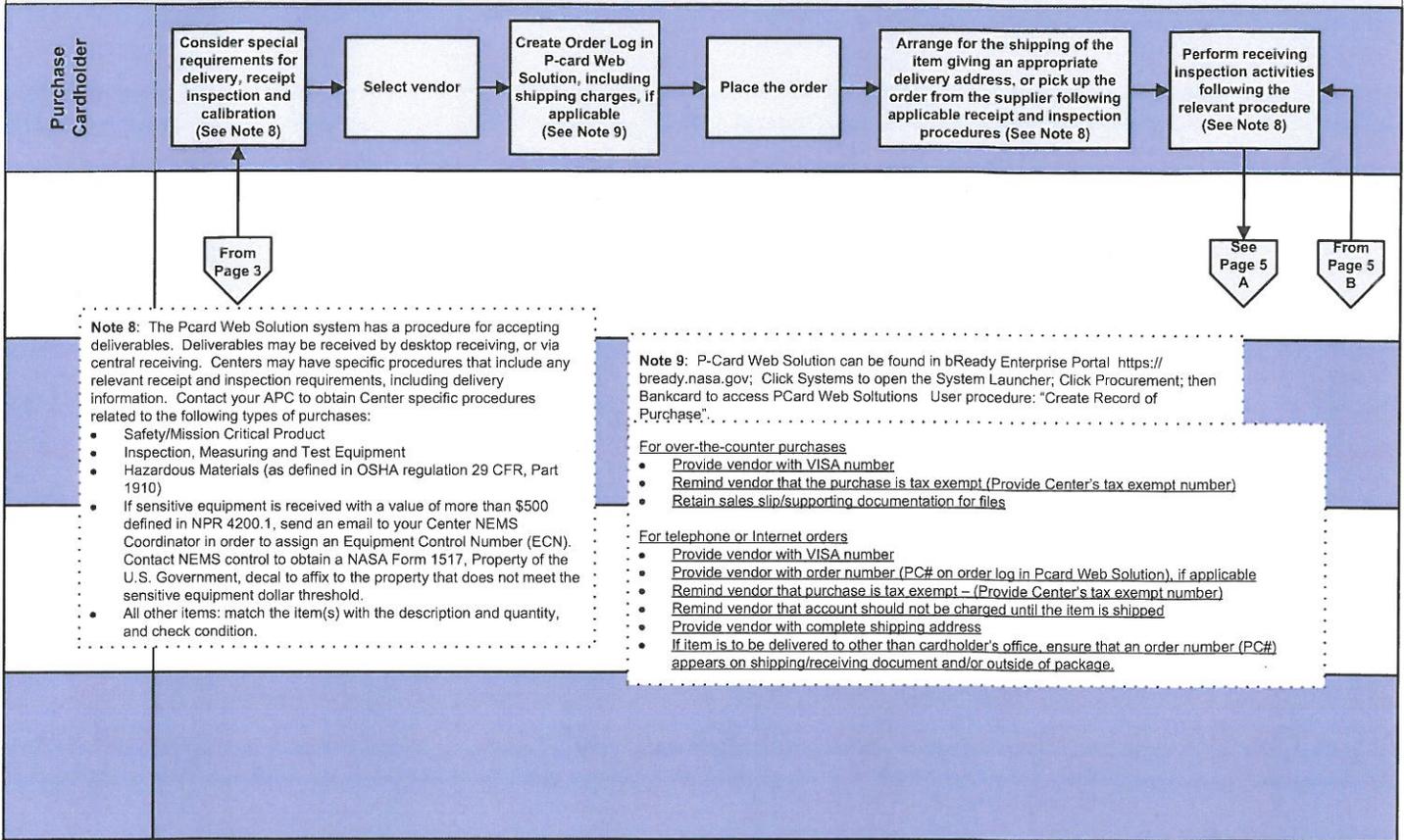
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## Using a Purchase Card



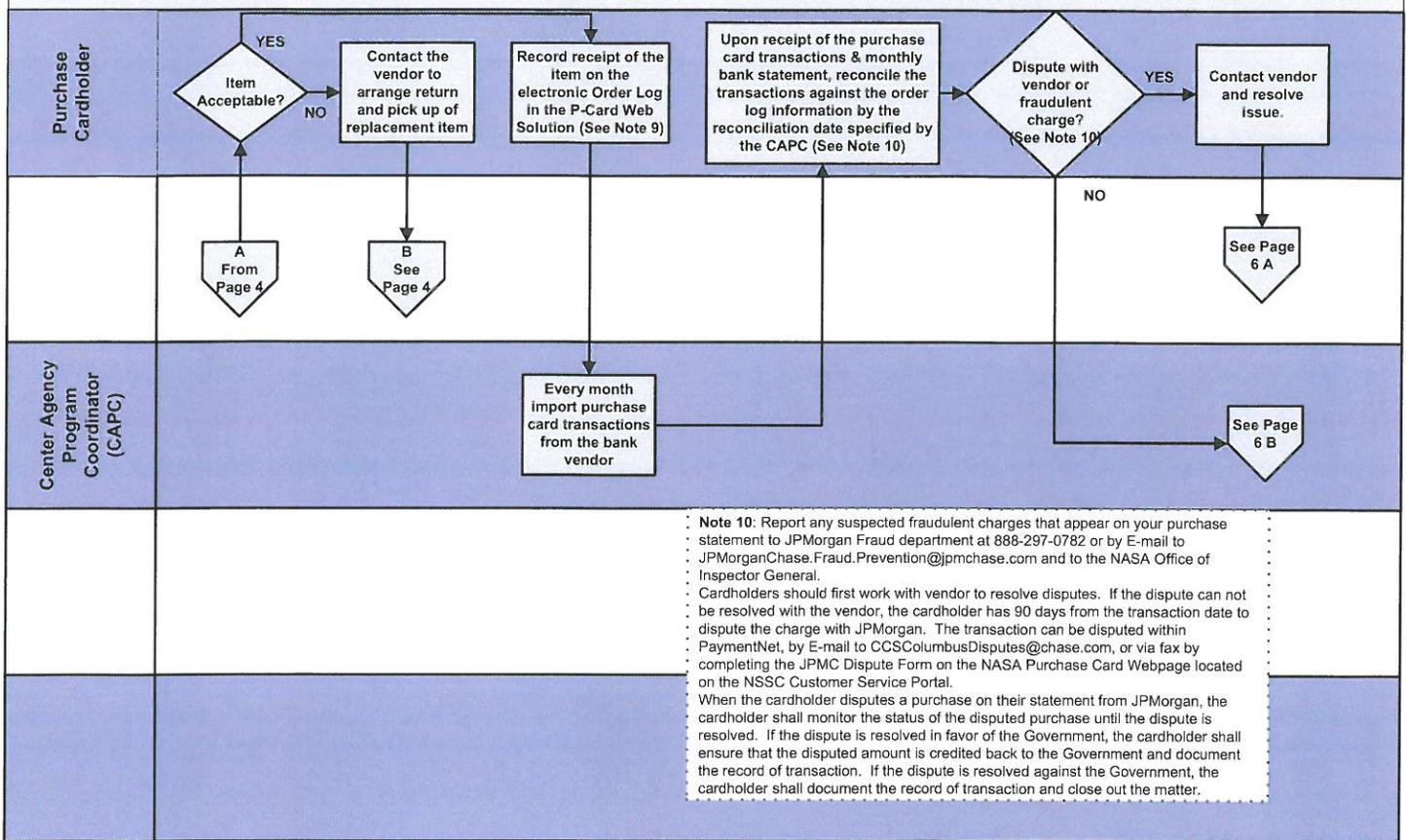
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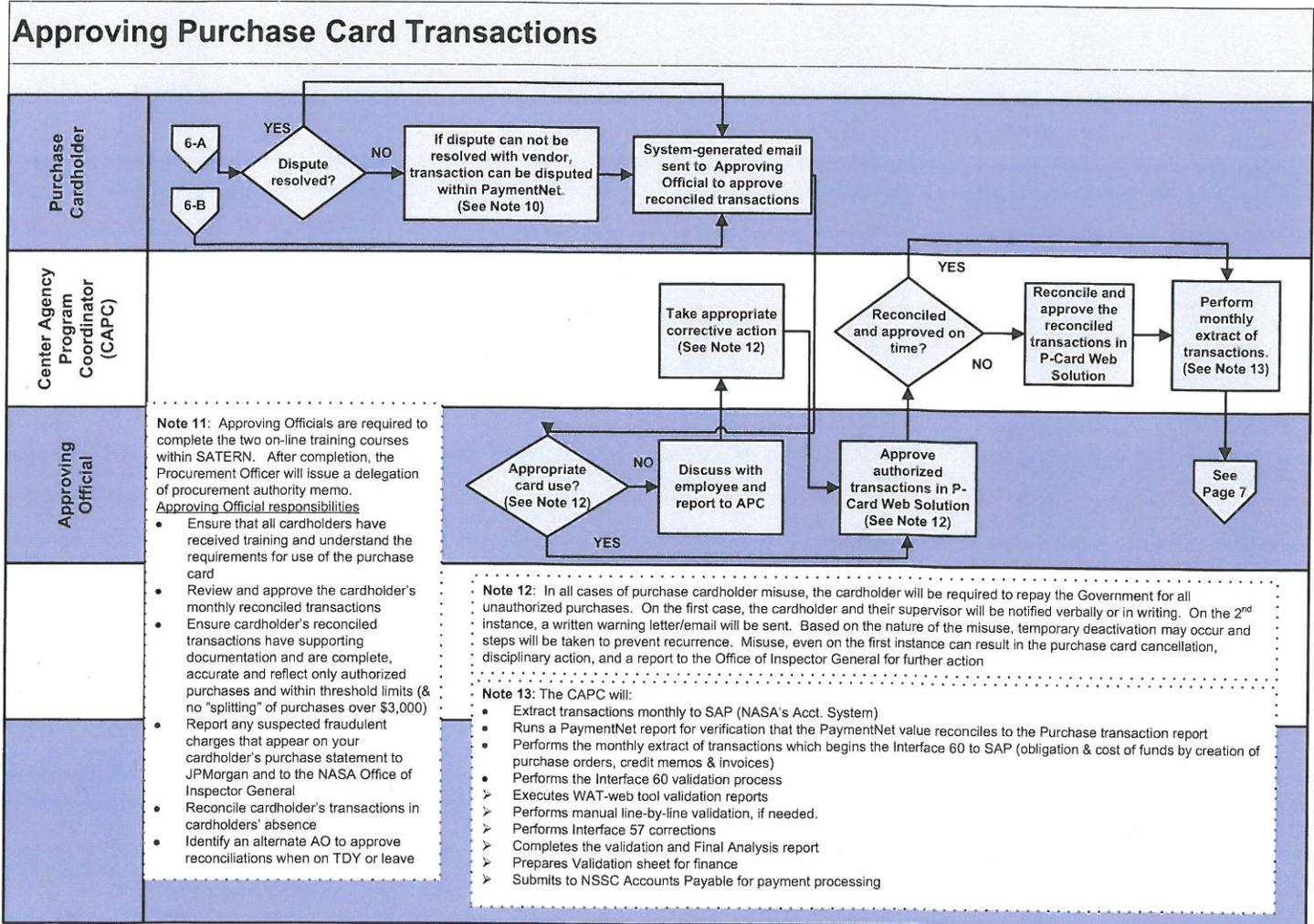
## Using a Purchase Card, Importing and Reconciling Transactions



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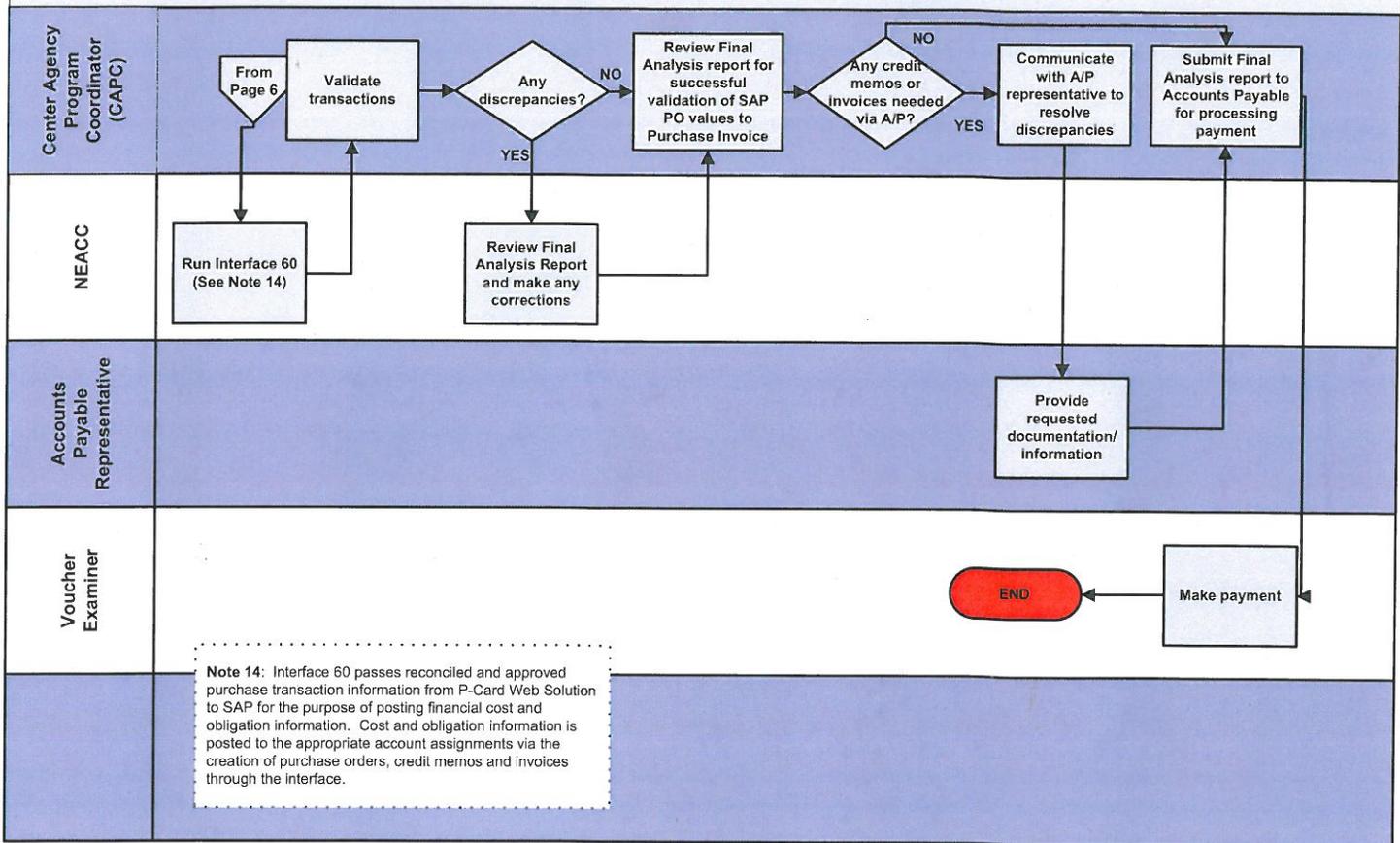
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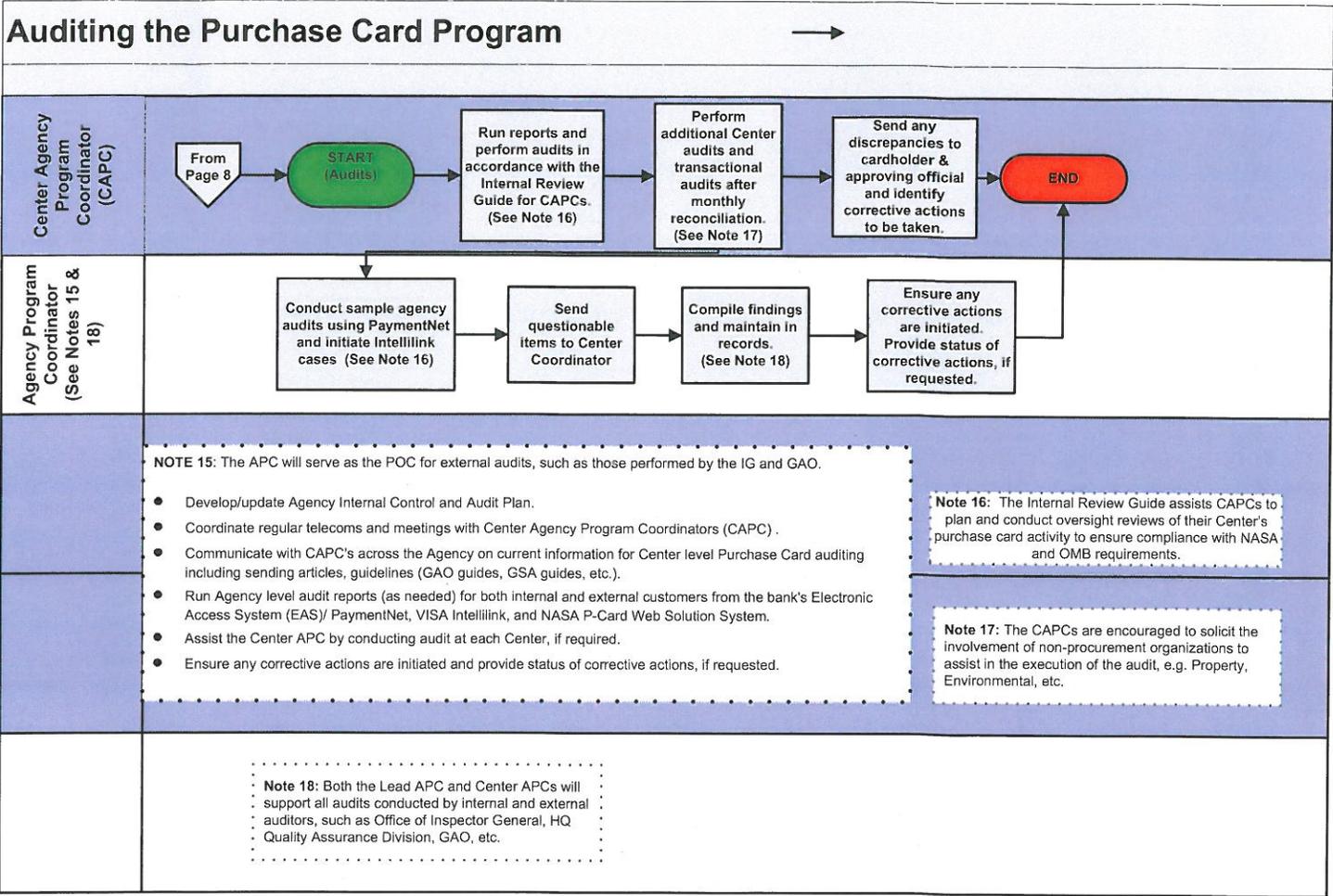
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## Extracting Reconciled Transactions and Conducting Validation



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## Turning in a Purchase Card

