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To: All Oregon/Washington Employees
From: State Director, Oregon/Washington
Subject: Bank of America Government Issued Charge Card Payments

Program Area: Government Issued Charge Cards

Purpose: This Information Bulletin (IB) is a reminder to holders of Bank of America (B of A) Government Issued Charge Cards to ensure that the account number is written on the check when paying for individually billed items.

Policy/Action: The B of A has several payment options including mailing the payment, making the payment in person at a B of A Banking Center, paying by telephone (a $10.00 fee applies), or paying online at https://www.myeasypayment.com/Enter.asp. The amount of payment due can be obtained by logging into myeasypayment.com. Payments should be mailed to Bank of America, P.O. Box 53139, Phoenix, Arizona 85072-3139. The telephone number for Customer Service for paying by telephone is 1-800-472-1424. If you need to send a payment through express mail, use the following address: Bank of America Government Card Services, 1825 E. Buckeye Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85034-4216, Attn: Remittance Processing. Locations of B of A Banking Centers can be found at www.bankofamerica.com/government or by calling Customer Service at the number above.

If you elect to make your payment by check, please remember to include the account number on the check. If the check becomes separated from the payment invoice and there is no account number written on the check, B of A will make their best guess at where to post the payment. This can result in delinquencies and is often difficult to resolve.

If you elect to make your payment online, you must be extremely careful entering the required bank routing number and account number from a check (the bank routing number on a deposit
slip may differ from the routing number on a check). If the data is entered incorrectly, the payment will reject. You will receive no notice of this from B of A. It is recommended that you log into myeasypayment.com again after 2-3 days to ensure that your payment was recorded.

**Background:** The Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) has recently encountered several instances where payments are posted to the wrong account. In all instances, the account number has not been written on the check and the check and the payment invoice have been separated. Cardholders are responsible for ensuring that their payments are posted in a timely manner. If you believe that you have made a payment and it does not appear on your statement, immediately contact B of A to trace the payment. Do not wait assuming that it will eventually post.

**Contact:** If you have questions concerning this IB, please contact Kay Gargano, Financial Management Analyst, 503-808-6481, or Cyndi McClelland, Transportation Assistant, 503 808-6199, OR/WA Alternate Agency Points of Contact, or Andy Smith, Chief, Management and Budget Staff, at 503-808-6193.

**Districts with Unions** are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by
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