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Governmentwide Contracts and Interagency Contract Vehicles Working Group

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Recommendation #8

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OMB promulgation of detailed policies, procedures, and requirements should include:

a. Business case justification analysis (GWACs as model).

b. Projected scope of use (products and services, customers, and dollar value).

c. Explicit coordination with other vehicles/entities.

d. Ability of agency to apply resources to manage vehicle.

e. Projected life of vehicle, including the establishment of a sunset, unless use of a sunset would be inappropriate given the acquisitions made under the vehicle.

f. Structuring the contract to accommodate market changes associated with the offered supplies and services (e.g. market research, technology refreshment, and other innovations).

g. Ground rules for use of support contractors in the creation and administration of the vehicle.

h. Criteria for upfront requirements planning by ordering agencies before access to vehicles is granted.

i. Defining post-award responsibilities of the vehicle holders and ordering activities before use of the vehicle is granted. These criteria should distinguish between the different sets of issues for direct order type vehicles versus vehicles used for assisted buys, including data input responsibilities.

j. Guidelines for calculating reasonable fees including the type and nature of agency expenses that the fees are expected to recover. Also establish a requirement for visibility into the calculation.

k. Procedures to preserve the integrity of the appropriation process, including guidelines for establishing bona fide need and obligating funds within the authorized period.

l. Require training for ordering agencies' personnel before access to the vehicle is granted.

m. Use of interagency vehicles for contracting during emergency response situations (e.g. natural disasters).

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Recommendation #8 (continued)

n. Competition process and requirements.

o. Agency performance standards and metrics.

p. Performance monitoring system.

q. Process for ensuring transparency of vehicle features and use. (Defined point of contact for public – Ombudsman)

r. Guidance on the relationship between agency mission requirements/core functions and the establishment of interagency vehicles (e.g. distinction between agency expansion of internal mission-related vehicles to other agencies vs. creation of vehicles from the ground up as interagency vehicles)

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OMB conduct a comprehensive, detailed analysis of the effectiveness of Panel recommendations and agency actions in addressing the findings and deficiencies identified in the Acquisition Advisory Panel report. This analysis should occur no later than three years after initial implementation with a continuing requirement to conduct a new analysis every three years.

In conducting its analysis, OMB should evaluate the degree of compliance of a representative sample of vehicles with business case guidance stipulated by OMB as well as an analysis of the degree to which the vehicles in the sample represent unwarranted duplication or overlap with other interagency and enterprisewide vehicles. The evaluation should incorporate recommendations for consolidating or terminating vehicles where unwarranted duplication or overlap has been identified. The analysis should also include identification of any cost savings associated with the implementation of the recommendations and proposed measures to address the unintended negative consequences of such recommendations. Finally, OMB should include in each analysis formal consideration of whether to require OMB-level approval on a case-by-case basis of agency decisions to create or continue vehicles or assisting entities that are not otherwise covered under a statutorily mandated process.