

5-1. Nomination, Selection, and Appointment of Cardholders and Billing Officials

a. Nomination, selection, and appointment of BOs and CHs are in accordance with DOD Charge Card Guidebook Chapters A.1.1 and A.3. A/OPCs must receive written and signed approval from the BO/CH's supervisory chain of command before initiating their appointment process. BOs must successfully complete the required GPC training to be appointed as an Approving/Billing Official. BOs should be in the supervisory chain of command of the CH. The BO will not be subordinate in grade or rank to their CHs to mitigate undue influence. There are no exceptions to this policy.

b. CHs must successfully complete the required GPC training to be delegated procurement authority **prior** to receiving their card.

c. The BO is also a Certifying Officer within the context of the Army GPC program, except for pay and confirm proponents. The Certifying Officer's minimum qualifications and eligibility are further discussed in DoD FMR Volume 5, Chapter 33. Billing officials are responsible for the accuracy of payments, including designation of the proper appropriation(s) or other funds certified to the paying office and disbursing officer. BOs are financially responsible for any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment as a result of an inaccurate or misleading certification. To certify GPC invoices for payment by DFAS, the BO must be appointed as and accept the responsibilities of a Certifying Officer using the DD Form 577 generated in JAM.

d. Approving Officials (AOs) follow pay and confirm procedures and are not appointed as Certifying Officers, such as Air Force personnel under the Army program.

e. GPC Delegation of Authority and appointment letters will clearly state the duties of the program participant, any dollar limit of the procurement authority (when applicable), and any limitations on the scope of authority to be exercised other than those contained in applicable law or regulation. All delegates/appointees must countersign their letters electronically in JAM to acknowledge they understand and concur with their GPC program responsibilities prior to establishing any accounts in the bank's EAS.

f. A/OPCs will maintain and monitor all delegations, appointments letters, and training certificates electronically in JAM. If electronic versions are available, the Level 4 A/OPC is not required to maintain a hard copy. Audit agencies can request access to PIEE modules when required. Ensure military and civilian out-processing checklists include a mandatory A/OPC sign-off for BOs and CHs.

g. **Receiving a GPC.** Standard practice is to have the card mailed to the CH's work address in accordance with the GSA SmartPay®3 contract. Using a CH's home address may be a fraud indicator and should not be a normal practice. However, there are situations where an alternate address, including the CH's home address, may be valid. Whether the card is mailed to the CH's work address or an alternate address, the CH must maintain the physical security of the card. Examples of alternate address uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) When an A/OPC wants all cards mailed to the A/OPC's work address, and then the A/OPC provides each card to the new CH's work location.

2) When the A/OPC feels it is more reliable to have the card mailed to the A/OPC's work address and then sent by express mail to a CH's work address overseas.

3) When the organization has a policy that all cards will be sent to the work address of the responsible BO, who will then deliver each card to the CH in person or to the CH's work address.

4) When the CH will not be at the work location (duty station) for an extended period (COVID-19 stay-at-home orders would be one such example), the CH's home address could be used. If the CH's home address is used for card delivery, a note or memorandum for record must be added to the account notes stating why the home address was used.

Table 5-1: Delegations and Appointments for each Program Role

Role	Delegation of Procurement Authority Letter Required	GPC Appointment Letter Required	DD Form 577 Required
Level 1	No	Yes	No
Level 2 Component Program Manager	No	Yes	No
Level 3 A/OPC with Authority to Delegate Procurement Authority	Yes	Yes	No
Level 3 A/OPC without Authority to Delegate Procurement Authority	No	Yes	No
Level 4 A/OPC with Authority to Delegate Procurement Authority	Yes	Yes	No
Level 4 A/OPC without Authority to Delegate Procurement Authority	No	Yes	No
Resource Managers (All Levels)	No	No	No
Billing Officials who are Certifying Officers	No	Yes	Yes
Certifying Officers	No	No	Yes

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Pay and Confirm Officials (Departmental Accountable Official (DAO))	No	Yes	No
Cardholders	Yes	Yes	No

Parent topic: [Chapter 5 - Establishing and Maintaining a GPC Account](#)