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### Procurement Card Program Reviewed by Metro Auditor

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The Office of the Metro Auditor released an audit today of Metro's procurement card program titled *Procurement Card Program: Improve communication and procedures*. The purpose of the audit was to determine if procedures were strong enough to prevent or detect fraud or abuse and if card transactions complied with policies and procedures.

Auditors reviewed a statistically valid sample of transactions over a two-year period. Based upon that review, the Office is reasonably assured that fraud and abuse did not occur during the period studied. Auditors did find that procedures were not always followed and recommended that Metro improve communication of the policies and better emphasize the responsibility of card users and approvers to use public resources carefully.

"Government use of procurement cards has become a recognized and efficient means of paying for purchases," Metro Auditor Suzanne Flynn said. "However, it is important to have the program reviewed periodically to ensure the right procedures are in place and followed." Auditor Flynn noted that Metro has been very responsive to the audit and took measures to improve communication prior to the audit's finish.

For more information, contact Suzanne Flynn, Metro Auditor, at 503-797-1891.

The audit is available on the Metro website at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/auditor>. Copies of the audit may also be obtained by calling the Office of the Metro Auditor at 503-797-1892. The Metro Auditor will brief the Metro Council on May 7, 2009 at 2:00pm.

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