INTRODUCTION

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   3.5.1. The CFO, any CFO delegates, and Chief Accountant.
3.5.2. Any user of (i.e., one with access to) a statewide financial, procurement, or payroll system. These systems include AFIS, HRIS (except ETE), APP, and TRIRIGA.

3.5.3. Any individual who has been designated as an Agency P-Card Administrator.

3.5.4. Any individual to whom has been issued a P-Card.

3.5.5. Any individual who has been designated as an Agency Travel Card Program Administrator.

3.5.6. Any individual to whom has been granted the authority to use the agency’s Central Travel Account (CTA).

3.5.7. Any individual who approves employee travel or employee travel reimbursements.

3.6. The following personnel in each agency should be encouraged, though are not required, to “Register for Updates”:

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3.6.2. Any individual who is expected to regularly travel on State business.

3.6.3. Any individual who is interested in attending training offered by the GAO, which includes Continuing Professional Education (CPE) events.

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