

## **Payment Card Innovation Series**

Strategies for the adoption of payment card best practices

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### Today's agenda

- Overview of Payment Card Innovation Series
- Introduction to today's session
- Best practices discussion
  - Physical card programs
  - Virtual card programs
- Best practices measurement
- Questions and answers



# Objective of the Payment Card Innovation Series

Provide organizations with payment card insights that foster collaboration, communication and understanding within the industry

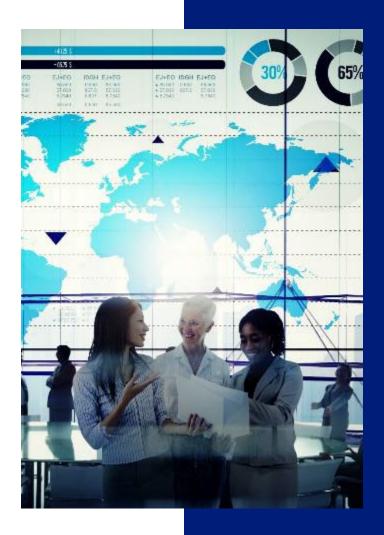




### Understanding our audience (poll question)

Which scenario best describes your organization's adoption of payment card products and solutions?

- A. Limited adoption of corporate travel or purchasing cards
- B. Strong adoption and utilization of corporate travel or purchasing cards
- C. Utilization of virtual cards (e-payables) for Accounts Payable
- D. Some combination of all the above



### The importance of best practices adoption



# Consider this benefit

Supports the attainment of organizational business and operational goals and objectives

### Matrix of best practices environment – physical card programs



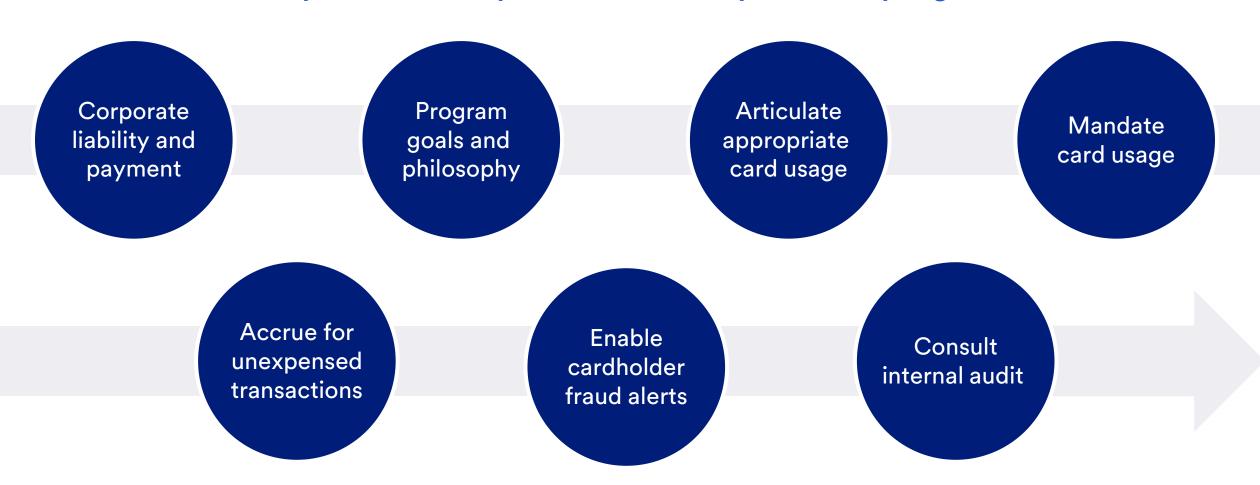
### Control and monitoring best practices are foundational

Enact merchant category code blocking Implement risk-based audit plan Segregate card ordering from card receiving and distribution Best **Prohibit transmission** of card numbers, security codes and dates practice Restrict online purchases to enterprise approved devices Utilize automated analytics to identify fraud to misuse **③** 

Establish regular review of declined transaction activity

### Best practices in program administration

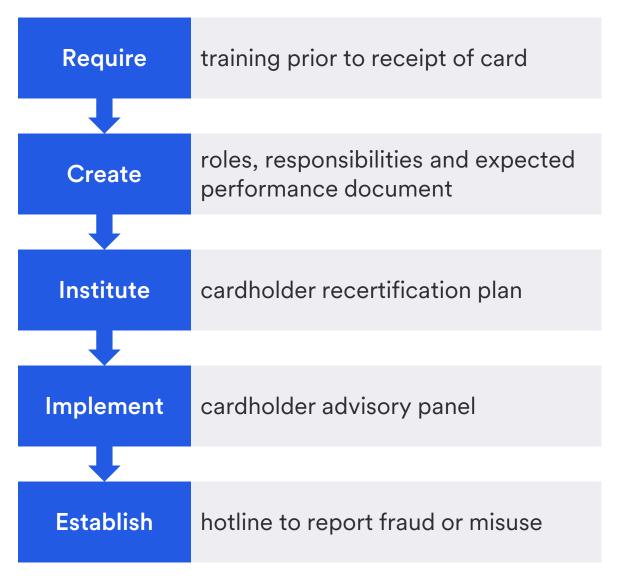
Consider these as part of a comprehensive best practices program



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### Best practices for training and communications





### Best practices for program reporting

#### Establishes management oversight and ownership of card program



#### **Dashboard**

Communicate program results on a regular cadence.

#### **Cardholder activity**

Review cardholder activity based on defined risk parameters.

#### **Clearing accounts**

Reconcile clearing accounts on a monthly basis.

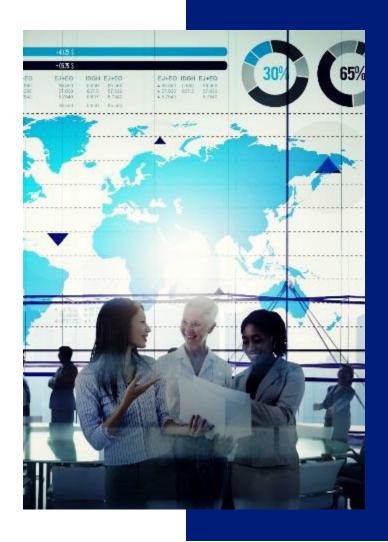
#### **Merchant activity**

Review merchant activity based on defined risk parameters.

### Understanding our audience (poll question)

Which scenario best describes your organization's adoption and utilization of payment card best practices?

- A. Limited adoption and utilization of best practices
- B. Some adoption of best practices but not leveraged on a consistent basis
- C. Strong adoption and utilization of payment card best practices on a regular basis
- D. Some combination of all the above



### Matrix of best practices environment – virtual card programs



### Best practices for monitoring and controls





#### **Engage precise pay functionality**

- Ensures payment issued matches payment transacted
- Promotes ease of reconciliation
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#### Contact suppliers if payment not processed in 10 days

- Minimizes risk of expiring payments
- Leverage automated reminders when available
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#### Reconcile clearing accounts monthly

- Required as part of internal review or audit
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#### **Review expiring payments**

- Weekly basis yields best results and minimizes expiring payments
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#### Validate supplier contact changes

• Establish consistent, repeatable process to validate supplier contact changes

### Optimization and retention best practices for virtual card programs

Offer generous payment terms to attract and retain suppliers Conduct an accounts payable (AP) file analysis every six months Prepare a supplier retention strategy Best Engage in regular supplier enrollment campaigns practice Leverage straight-through-processing for select suppliers Conduct supplier campaign utilization reviews **Benchmark against industry** peer groups



### Best practices in virtual card program administration



- Define program goals, objectives and philosophy
- Establish overarching payments strategy in collaboration with Treasury (cash management)
- Present virtual card as preferred payment method
- Create payment terms strategy and matrix
- Require AP/Procurement director approval of supplier opt-out requests

### Best practices in virtual card training and communications

#### Drive success through program education



Educate existing AP,
Procurement, Sourcing and
Treasury staff on virtual card
strategy.



**Establish virtual card training plan** for new AP, Procurement, Sourcing and Treasury staff.

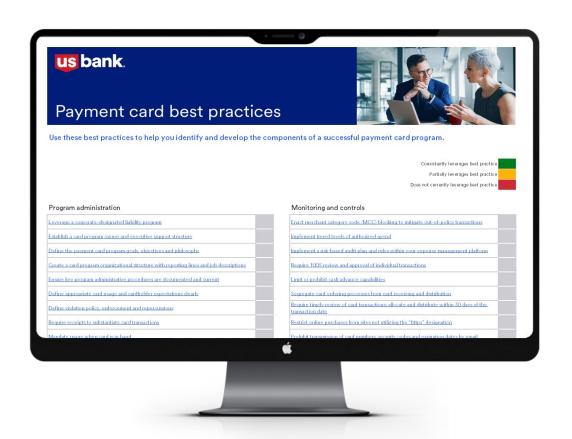


Promote supplier enrollment opportunities, frequently asked questions, training materials and supplier support resources.



Advise Internal Audit of virtual card benefits and risk mitigation efforts.

### Payment card best practices



- Easily assess payment card programs against defined best practices
- Visualize areas of opportunity utilizing "heat-map" approach
- Evaluate performance in critical areas including program administration, controls, reporting, training and communications

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### **Consulting services**

#### Require in-house payment card consulting expertise

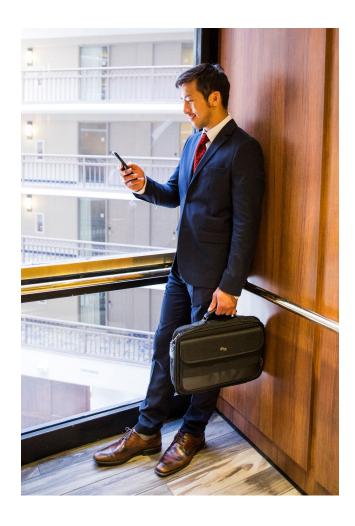
- Available for life of banking relationship
- Expertise across full spectrum of procure-to-pay processes
- Provided at no cost
- Leverages external industry data sources
- Industry certified expertise

### Services provided

- Payment strategy development
- Industry benchmarking analysis
- Best practices consultation
- Program optimization
- Payment process mapping
- Program utilization review
- White paper program evaluation
- Supplier retention strategy recommendations

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### **Payment Card Innovation Series**



Factors in identifying the right payment card provider

Strategies for the adoption of payment card best practices

Techniques to maximize the value of your payment card programs

The importance of developing key reporting metrics

Preparing your card program for an audit

## **Questions and answers**

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