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Fleet Managers to GainAccess to Fleet Database



FleetWave is the database system used by the Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) to maintain the inventory of Executive Branch vehicles. In an effort to enhance the visibility of the fleet inventory, OVM will be granting Fleet Managers "read only" access to the system. OVM aims to alleviate confusion and verify the integrity of our data by sharing our current inventory with Fleet Managers. Fleet Managers now will be able to view the following information for vehicles owned or leased by their Agency:

- Vehicle Information (Year, Make, Model, VIN, etc.)
- Owner Information (Secretariat, Agency, UnitCode, etc.)
- Plate Number
- Vehicle Status
- Owned vs. Leased
- Usage Type
- Garage Location
- Current Odometer
- Service History

Fleet Managers will be contacted in the coming months withlogin credentials and training materials. OVM asks Agencies to review theirdata and report any inconsistencies between FleetWave and their internal inventoryto <u>John Martin</u> (617-720-3178). Please forward questions or issues regarding access or use of the system to <u>Karen Rasnick</u> (617-720-3196).

FY18 Lease Program NowAvailable



OVM has obtained capital bond funding through the Executive Office of Administration and Finance toprovide a vehicle lease program to certain Commonwealth entities. Through this program, OVM purchases vehicleson an Agency's behalf and "leases" them back to the Agency in return for amonthly lease fee. This allowsparticipating Agencies to spread the acquisition, administration, and certainpreventive maintenance costs throughout the lease term.

Interested Agencies should review the <u>Sample FY18 Master Lease & Assignment Agreement</u> to understand the full terms and conditions of this program. Those with questions or wishing to moveforward with the program should contact the OVM Lease Administrator, <u>Karen Rasnick</u> (617-720-3196).

Several vehicle models are in the midst of changing from model year 2017 to model year 2018. For summer ordering, please see the following reminders:

- Certain model year 2017 vehicles may not be available for factory ordering. The model year 2018 version should be available, but production (and subsequent delivery) may be delayed.
- Price changes occur in December for VEH98. Take advantage of pricing benefits by placing model
 year 2018 vehicle orders prior to the pricing update from the vendors.



Reminder: Maintenance Approvals

OVM has noticed an increase in the occurrence of vehiclesbeing repaired without prior authorization from Fleet Response. Drivers should be familiar with the tri-fold VehicleMaintenance Schedule pamphlet located inside the

Fleet Response vehicle packetthat should be stored in the vehicle glove box. This pamphlet provides driver instructions as well as serviceprovider instructions. Drivers shouldpresent the pamphlet when going into the shop. Drivers also should inform the shop that they are not toperform any repairs on the vehicle without first calling Fleet Response forauthorization.

Drivers are authorized to approve any scheduled preventivemaintenance listed on the pamphlet plus up to an additional \$100. Anything else must go through Fleet Responsefor authorization before any work is performed. If a shop repairs a vehicle without prior authorization from FleetResponse, they risk not being paid for the services performed.

Coming Soon! Preventive Maintenance Reminders

Preventive



OVM will send out reminder notices soon to all Agencies that are overdue on preventive maintenance on vehicles.

Preventive maintenance performed on a vehicle or equipmentwhile it is still operational lessens the likelihood of it failing. The goal of a successful preventive maintenance program is to establish consistent practices designed to improve the performance and safety of the vehicle

and/orequipment at your Agency. Any asset witha Fleet Response packet should be adhering to the preventive maintenanceschedule included on the Fleet Response tri-fold pamphlet.

Benefits of adhering to a preventivemaintenance schedule include:

- Decreased equipment downtime and numbers of major repairs
- Increased life expectancy and reduction of sidelined/out-of-service time of vehicles/equipment
- Timely, routine repairs avoid certain largerscale repairs
- Improved safety and quality conditions fordrivers

Starting in Q2 FY18 (October 2017), OVM will issue reminderemails to Agency Fleet Managers that outline the vehicles or equipment withintheir Agency that are noted as being overdue for preventive maintenance, according to the OVM database.

Agency-Managed Accounts with Vendors



Agencies may have separate accounts with third-partyvendors, such as WEX for fuel cards or Fleet Response for maintenance and accident repairs, for vehicles that do not fall under OVM purview (such as heavy duty trucks or equipment).

Please confirm with these vendors that your Agency's contactinformation is accurate. It is theresponsibility of the Agency to manage this relationship, as OVM is not involved with these accounts.

Vehicle Reassignment Forms

Reassignment forms must be submitted to OVM when any vehicle is reassigned within an Agency (either to a different assigned driver or adifferent Unit Code) or when Agencies are reassigning owned vehicles

between each other (this also requires OVM approval). Properly filling out the reassignment form before anyinternal or external vehicle assignment is mandatory practice for good recordkeeping and documentation. OVM has discovered many instances where fuel cards, unit code, annual OVM fee, and invoices from vendors have not been accurate due to agencies not filling out the reassignment form.

Surplus Property: Start Fresh in FY18!

The Surplus Property Office handles the disposal, sale, andreallocation of all State owned vehicles and equipment across the Commonwealth. If you have vehicles or equipment that your agency no longer uses, we canpost them to the <u>Current Surplus</u>

<u>PropertyListing</u> or sell them using ouronline auction site. After the items sell, buyers will remove them, helpingyou get back much needed space.



Listed below are additional programs and contracts to help you get rid of unwanted items or find a replacement for an oldpiece of equipment, helping you to start fresh in FY18! Contact the <u>SurplusProperty</u> Office for more information.

- The <u>Federal SurplusProgram</u> is available to State agencies and municipalities. There is an
 administration fee (typically 5% of the original value of the property) attached to any transfer of
 propertythat occurs using the federal program. This nominal fee supports program operations and has
 been deemed veryreasonable by participating entities.
- The State Surplus Property Office also has established astatewide scrap metal contract that can be
 used by all public entities to ridthemselves of scrap metal waste. Reviewthe <u>Scrap Metal Contract</u>
 <u>User Guide</u>for more details.

Grant FundingAvailable: New Alternative Fuel Vehicles or Upfits to Existing Vehicles

A new grant program has been established by the <u>Department of Energy Resources</u> (DOER) that provides financial incentives for specific vehicle technologies acquiredthrough VEH98 or VEH102 which support standard or alternative compliance with the <u>Fuel Efficiency Standard (FES)</u>.



Any state agency subject to the requirements of the FES iseligible for a grant award, including all Executive Branch agencies or anystate entity acquiring vehicles through OVM. Where applicable, state entitiesmust procure eligible technologies through the associated Statewide Contractand work with OVM in their vehicle acquisition process.

Note: There is a minimumdollar amount required for grant requests when making direct purchases. Through an agreement between DOER and OVM, the minimum is waived when acquiring vehicles or technologies through the OVM LeaseProgram.

- For more details, link to the grant documents in **COMMBUYS**.
- Contact <u>Jillian DiMedio</u> at DOER:617-626-7367.
- Reach <u>KarenRasnick</u> at OVM: 617-720-3196.

Vehicle-Related Statewide Contracts

Click here to view all vehicle-related Statewide Contracts, links to each Master Blanket Purchase Order and Contract User Guide, and contact information.

To download the Statewide Contract Vehicle Handbook, click here.

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