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# PURCHASING NOTES



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# CONTRACT *Listings*



## OPTFM Contracts by Analyst Responsible

**Please contact the analysts below if you need assistance with any OPTFM contracts:**

- **ASHLEY SMITH**

- Ammunition
- Fire Protection
- MS Recycled Products
- Laundry/Linen Rental Services
- Furniture (H-M)

- **SHAKRITA FIELDS**

- MDOT SWC
- Firefighting Uniforms
- Water Treatment

- **STEPHEN TUCKER**

- Janitorial Supplies
- Lab Supplies
- Copiers/Printers
- Mailing Equipment
- Office Supplies

- **JAMES BRABSTON**

- Traffic Signals
- Ground Maintenance
- Soft Body Armor
- Office Papers
- Furniture (N-Z)

- **LASHUN SMITH**

- Incontinence
- Laundry Chemicals
- Toner

- **KIZZIE SHORTER**

- Furniture (A-G)
- Interior Signage
- Maintenance Repair & Operations
- Panel Systems
- Carbonless Paper



# FLEET News



## **BUREAU OF FLEET MANAGEMENT ARTICLES**

Tires & Tubes contracts have been awarded and will be in effect from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Any additional information will be available on our website. The following dealers will be on contract this year:

Dunlap and Kyle Co. Inc	3100034009	8200073418
Continental Tire, The America's LLC	3102009206	8200073522
Southern Tire Mart	3102012201	8200073428
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	3100034013	8200073452
Michelin North America	3102010049	8200073507
Bridgestone Americas Tire	3100031131	8200073434



### **FLEET AUDIT CERTIFICATION LETTERS**

Executive Directors of agencies that are operating vehicles must submit to the Bureau of Fleet Management a yearly data integrity audit that certifies the accuracy of the data in MAGIC. The BFM will provide each agency with a fleet data audit on an annual basis that must be verified and certified by the Executive Director of the agency. These audits will be completed in March of each year, beginning in 2019. The certification letter is due back to Bureau of Fleet Management by **COB Wednesday, April 10th**. If you have any questions or need additional time, please contact our office.

### **ORDER BANK CLOSURES**

Please see our website for information regarding updates on vehicle order banks. The order bank for the 2024MY Dodge Durango PPV will be closed on April 12, 2024.

### **VEHICLE RECALL INFORMATION**

Beginning April 1, 2024, BFM will have a list of Recall notifications on the DFA website. Please see the website for more information.



# MAXIMIZING

# BENEFITS:

*Rebate Checks for State  
Procurement Card Users*

Attention State Procurement Card Program participants!  
Here's some exciting news: **Rebate checks are coming!**

As a reward, each entity is eligible to receive a rebate based on the entity's spend for that current fiscal year.

Rebates for Fiscal Years **2021, 2022, and 2023** will be distributed from **mid-April through May**. Keep an eye out for multiple ACH deposits and/or checks from UMB Bank during this time.

It's time to reap the rewards of your fiscal responsibility! Stay tuned for more updates and maximize the benefits of the State Procurement Card Program.

If you have any questions about your rebate check or need assistance with procurement or travel card-related matters, don't hesitate to contact Candice Hay or Demetra Hayes at 601-359-3409.

It's a simple process: the more you spend, the more you earn!

# WHAT'S NEW IN TRAIN TRAVEL IN THE U.S.



Passengers can enjoy a new route and new overnight train accommodations this year.

Few means of transportation are as relaxing and enjoyable as traveling by train. The hypnotic rhythm of the tracks combined with the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of beautiful natural landscapes makes train travel a great way to get where you're going. This year, passengers can find new routes and new overnight train experiences across the U.S.

Amtrak recently added new rail cars to the San Joaquin Valley service in California and plans to roll out new cars in the Amtrak Midwest network — which includes Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Illinois — throughout the year.

Here are more updates to consider when planning a train trip this year. Fares vary depending on timing and accommodations.

## **Gulf Coast service, Amtrak**

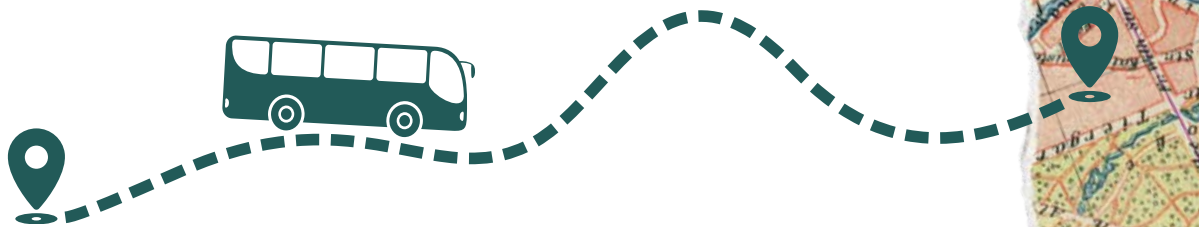
**Route:** Between New Orleans and Mobile, Alabama (with connections to routes serving other parts of the country)

Travelers along the Gulf Coast will see the long-awaited return of Amtrak service to the region for the first time in almost 20 years.

Marc Magliari, senior public relations manager for Amtrak, says the company plans to add the service in the fall. It will be the first time passenger rail service will be available in that area since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "The service we had before only ran three times a week and always overnight. This service will be twice daily, leaving at each end in the morning and afternoon."

Although the route technically won't offer overnight service, Amtrak plans this service to feature connections to the Sunset Limited train, which offers overnight train travel to destinations between New Orleans and Los Angeles, and the Crescent train, which includes overnight travel from New Orleans to New York City.

**Cost:** Fare details are still in the works; Amtrak offers a 10 percent discount on all routes for people 65 and older.



## **Auto Train, Amtrak**

**Route:** Nonstop between Sanford, Florida, and Lorton, Virginia

If you're not familiar with the Auto Train, this Amtrak option is unique because you take your vehicle with you. Cars, trucks and motorcycles are loaded into train cars specially designed to transport vehicles – and these cars are then connected to the passenger cars.

The coach cars on the Auto Train recently got a refresh including new seating cushions, upholstery, carpeting and window curtains. Or you can choose from private accommodations including a roomette or bedroom with upgraded bedding, pillows, towels and linens.

**Cost:** Prices start at \$95 for coach seating with a complimentary continental breakfast, plus the cost of your vehicle: starting at \$285 for a standard vehicle, \$325 for extended vehicle and \$155 for a motorcycle.

## **Silver Service and Palmetto, Amtrak**

**Route:** New York City to Miami

This New York-to-Miami route is serviced by three trains: the Palmetto (NY to Savannah), plus the Silver Meteor and Silver Star (a pair of trains together known as the Silver Service). Going from the metropolitan cities of the Northeast, the trains wind down along the East Coast through the Southeast, where you enjoy views of cities such as Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia. The Silver Meteor and Silver Star continue service to the warm beaches of southern Florida, before eventually ending up in Miami. If you want to hop on and off to explore the destination along the way in the Southeast or around the country, you'll need to buy a USA Rail Pass for coach travel (\$499) or purchase tickets with individual stops.

As part of Amtrak's multiyear project to update its long-distance routes, totally refreshed coach and café cars – featuring upgraded curtains, seating/cushions, carpeting and reading lights – have been incorporated into the fleet for these lines. In addition, the company has refreshed sleeping cars on the Silver Service route and modernized interiors of four types of bilevel cars used in long-distance routes.

**Cost:** Cost varies depending on timing and whether you're making the complete trip or only going to one of the locations along the way. Check the Amtrak website for deals and promotions. Amtrak offers a 10 percent discount for people 65 and older.

So Safe and Happy Travels!!!

(Cited from Bobbi Dempsey freelance writer)





# CMPA Class

Due to unforeseen circumstances, OPTFM is **NOT** available to host a CMPA class at this time. We will update the website and/or send notifications when the next class is available for 2024. We do apologize for any inconvenience. If any agents certification is expiring within the time-frame, you will still be eligible to take the next available class.

If you have any more questions, you may contact Alicia Adams, [alicia.adams@dfa.ms.gov](mailto:alicia.adams@dfa.ms.gov) or [purchasingandtravel@dfa.ms.gov](mailto:purchasingandtravel@dfa.ms.gov)

**Per Section 31-7-9 of the Mississippi Code, the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management is excited to present the State of Mississippi's first training and certification program for **Mississippi state agency purchasing professionals.****





**2024**

# **PPRB MEETINGS**

## **PPRB Meeting Date**

**JANUARY 3, 2024**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2024**  
**MARCH 6, 2024**  
**APRIL 3, 2024**  
**MAY 1, 2024**  
**JUNE 5, 2024**  
**JULY 3, 2024**  
**AUGUST 7, 2024**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2024**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2024**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2024**  
**JANUARY 2025**

## **Submission Deadlines**

**DECEMBER 6, 2023**  
**JANUARY 3, 2024**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2024**  
**MARCH 6, 2024**  
**APRIL 3, 2024**  
**MAY 1, 2024**  
**JUNE 5, 2024**  
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