

Electronic Payment Acceptance Services

Government Code Sections 6160-6166 provides that state agencies accept payment made by means of a credit card or other payment devices.

The Department of General Services currently administers Master Service Agreements (MSAs) for electronic payment acceptance services that allow California State, Local and Western State Contract Alliance (WSCA) government agencies to accept services as follows:

1. **Credit and Debit Card Processing** *(State, Local, and WSCA Agencies)*
2. **E-Check Processing** *(Local and WSCA Agencies only)*
3. **Electronic Check Conversion / Remote Deposit Processing** *(Local and WSCA Agencies only)*
4. **State Electronic Fund Transfer / General Electronic Payment Processing** *(Local and WSCA Agencies only)*

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Electronic Payment Acceptance Services (EPAY) Contracts *(Mandatory Use Contracts for California State Agencies/Departments)*

This MSA is designated as mandatory for State of California government entities that seek to acquire credit and debit card payment acceptance services. Local government and WSCA State entities' use of this MSA is optional. It is recommended that agencies contract for EPAY processing services from a single contractor. Agencies must execute a separate subscription agreement that incorporates the terms of this MSA by reference. See Exhibit D, Sections 1 & 2 of the contracts (directly below) for specific contract execution information.

- [First Data Merchant Services \(5-10-99-01\)](#) **(WSCA Provider)**
- [Elavon, Inc. \(5-10-99-02\)](#)

Sole Proprietary Credit Card Acceptance Contracts *(Mandatory Use Contracts for California State Agencies/Departments)*

In order to accept the American Express and/or Discover card, the agency must complete a separate contract subscription agreement with settlement made directly to the state or local government agency by American Express. Authorized Users, must obtain services from one of the EPAY processors (listed above) to provide authorization, capture, and routing for American Express and Discover Cards.

- [American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc. \(5-09-99-01\)](#)
- [Discover Financial Services, Inc. \(5-08-99-02\)](#)

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