MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The following constitutes an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, National Veterans Affairs Council #53 (NVAC) regarding the Department's OF Bulletin 09047E3.09 "Government Travel Charge Card Credit Worthiness" and Travel Notice 09 - 09 "New Credit Worthiness Requirement for Travel Charge Card Applicants."

- 1. The national parties agree current bargaining unit employees with Government Travel Charge Cards will not to undergo a credit worthiness evaluation unless they do not maintain their Government Travel Charge Card account in good standing.
- 2. The Department agrees not to maintain any credit worthiness information on any bargaining unit employees.
- 3. The Department's vendor will not provide the FICO score information to VA, other Government Agencies, or any other institution.
- 4. Bargaining unit employees issued restricted travel card will be provided with information on how the Department will fund their travel related requirements. In accordance with Article 24 Official Travel, Section 4 or its successor document, bargaining unit employees shall be informed how they can obtain an advancement or what alternative arrangements the Department will make for their travel expenses.
- 5. Any bargaining unit employee issued a restricted travel card can contact their local Agency Organization Program Coordinator (AOPC) to request a credit limit increase on their Government Travel Charged Card, if their official travel charge card will be above the limits imposed on their travel charge card.
- 6. Upon receipt, the appropriate management official will provide a copy of this MOU to the Local Union President.

For the Department (VA)

2/19/10 (Date)

For National VA Council #53 (NVAC)

<u>2-19-2010</u> (Date)