



While the recent articles on GWACs in the July 7 Federal Times were very in depth and informative, there were 2 problems – one was a light mis-quote and the other was the numbers used.

My quote was not exactly that SEWP would be used “if an agency wants to add an on-line travel system”. The actual quote should have been that SEWP would be used “if an agency wants to add on additional items to an on-line travel system”. The actual on-line travel systems are being provided through the Government-Wide e-Travel contracts.

The numbers presented for the SEWP contracts were vastly incorrect. This led to both an under-reporting on SEWP's use in FY07 and an even larger under-reporting in FY06. This caused a mis-leading statistic that SEWP's growth was 54%.

SEWP tracks every order very carefully and exactly with electronic checking against the Vendor's information and invoicing. In FY06 the usage was \$748.5 Million not \$551 Million. In FY07 the amount was \$1.016 Billion not \$848.5 Million. While an increase in usage – the increase was 35.7% not 54%

Your sidebar on How the Data was Compiled mentioned the fact that FPDS may not be accurate. Based on the numbers we have seen, that tends to very much be the case. I believe that this is largely due to data being entered into the system as an Agency rather than a GWAC order. I urge you in the future to be wary of numbers not provided directly from the actual source.