

AAPC GPP&E Task Force  
Final Meeting Notes  
– December 2, 2008  
GAO HQ Building  
441 G Street, NW  
Campbell Conference Room (7C10/7B15)  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Administrative Matters*

- Future meetings – dates and locations

Monica Valentine, FASAB/AAPC rep., noted that the next meeting date of the task force would be 1/6/09. She asked the members if the 1/6 date, which is just after the holidays, was not a good time for members to please contact her with suggested date changes. Members were also given the 2009 meeting dates and conference room location.

*Task Force Chair Updates*

- Donjette Gilmore

Ms. Gilmore thanked the group for their participation in the task force's work. Ms. Gilmore noted her continued involvement in the four sub groups. She shared with the members that the Disposal sub group was very close to releasing two of its issue papers to the task force for review. She also briefly commented on the continued progress of the three other sub groups and expected assistance from the USACE – who just received their first clean audit opinion. Ms. Gilmore also noted that DoD-OUSD Comptroller will be providing comments to the Use sub group on their CIP paper by December 15.

Ms. Gilmore reminded the members that she is always available to assist with making contact with federal representatives that could provide assistance to the task force as well any other needs related to the work of the task force. Ms. Gilmore also reminded the members to focus on the ultimate goal of the task force and that is to produce implementation guidance related to G-PP&E.

Ms. Gilmore also mentioned that she was recently interviewed by *Accounting Today* to provide her views on the recent FASAB exposure draft on *Estimating the Historical Cost of G-PP&E*, as well as the work of the AAPC G-PP&E task force.

Mr. John Knubel, DoD, brought up several issues related to the Marine Corps audit readiness. Ms. Gilmore informed Mr. Knubel that his issues would be better addressed by DoD-OSD and suggested that he call her later to discuss.

- Dan Fletcher

Mr. Fletcher was not available for the meeting.

#### *FASAB/AAPC Updates*

- Monica Valentine

Ms. Valentine reminded the task force of the FASAB exposure draft, *Estimating the Historical Cost of G-PP&E* that was issued on November 14. She also informed the members that the ED was available on the FASAB website and encouraged all members to review it and provide comments to the Board by January 30, 2009.

Ms. Valentine also alerted the task force of another FASAB project related to SFFAS 6. The project is focused on the evaluation of two SFFAS 6 topics – G-PP&E and cleanup costs. The Board would like to re-look at these two areas to evaluate whether the related standards need to be expanded, amended, or if they are adequate as is. Ms. Valentine stressed the importance of the task force in assisting the FASAB with this project. She also clarified to the members that this new FASAB project will not in any way interfere with the progress and work of the task force. She asked members to contact her with their ideas on the new FASAB effort and that there would most likely be a separate meeting planned to kick off this new project.

## *Sub-Group Updates*

- Acquisition: Cindy George gave a brief update of the work of the Acquisition sub group in the absence of Alice Carey, sub group co-chair. Ms. George noted that the sub group was finalizing its historical cost implementation paper with some additional examples on estimating GPP&E from federal entities that have had success with their estimating techniques. These examples would be considered best practice examples that other agencies could benefit from. The agencies that the sub group is looking to for examples are USCG, FAA, DoD-ATL, and USACE.

The issues being addressed by the Acquisition sub group include:

- Historical cost implementation issues (including estimating),
- Capitalization thresholds
- Spare Parts, and
- Lease/Preponderance of use.

Ms. Carey later joined the meeting and noted that the capitalization threshold paper was also in process. Ken Schreier added that the capitalization threshold group had sent out a survey to nine federal entities requesting information on their capitalization threshold policies. The group anticipates that the survey information would assist with the implementation guidance being developed.

- Use: Tom Lyden gave a brief update of the work of the Use sub group in the absence of Fred Carr and Kyle Fugate, sub group co-chairs. He noted that the group was working through several issues surrounding construction-in-progress and work-in-progress and was waiting for some comments back from members of the sub group. The next scheduled meeting of the sub group is 12/9.

- Disposal: Ms. Alaleh Amiri, sub group co-chair, gave an update on the work of the Disposal sub group. Ms. Amiri noted that the sub group had last met on 11/25 and is very close to releasing to the full task force working drafts for two of the sub groups issue areas.

- Environmental liabilities -- recognition of cleanup cost (asbestos)
- Environmental liabilities – equipment disposal

Both issue papers were currently being reviewed by the sub group and comments were due back by 12/15. The next step for the issue papers would be for the full task force to review and comment before the papers are forwarded to the AAPC for review.

The next issue for the sub group will be on triggering events for disposal. The next scheduled meeting of the sub group is 12/23.

- Records Retention: John Lynskey, sub group chair gave an update on the work of the Records Retention sub group. Mr. Lynskey noted that the sub group met in November and currently had nine research areas being worked on by the various sub group members. Seven of those nine research areas were partially or fully completed. He is expecting everyone to complete their research by the January sub group meeting so that they can start writing their issue paper. Mr. Lynskey added that the next meeting of the sub group will be January 9, 2009.

#### *Review List of G-PP&E Issues – Update*

No specific update was given on the latest list of G-PP&E issues.

#### *Review Timeline – Key Dates*

No specific update was given on the project timelines.