

**FASAB Exposure Draft: *Classified Activities*****Questions for Respondents due March 16, 2018**

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Q1. Classified information is prohibited from public release and the Board is proposing an approach for protecting classified information from unauthorized disclosure. The proposed Statement would provide general guidance for protecting classified information and, when detailed guidance is needed, the Board proposes to provide classified Interpretations<sup>1</sup> of existing standards. GPFFR modified pursuant to this Statement and related Interpretations would be considered in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Do you agree or disagree with the Board's overall proposed approach for protecting classified information? Please provide the rationale for your answer.

*Agree. The proposed approach will provide agencies guidance to protect classified information while still be compliant with GAAP.*

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<sup>1</sup> With respect to Interpretations, the Board would follow its due process and appropriate protections would be applied to classified information.

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- Q2. The proposed Statement permits reporting entities to modify unclassified financial statement presentations, disclosures, and required supplementary information (RSI) to protect classified information. The modifications are (1) those that do not change the net results of operations and net position and (2) the inclusion of an organization in a manner that would not reveal classified information.
- a. Do you agree or disagree with permitting reporting entities to modify presentations to protect classified information when it does not change net results of operations and net position? Please provide the rationale for your answer. *Agree. It's important to adhere to laws that protect classified information, and the modification has no effect on the financial statements, i.e., the underlying accounting information maintains its integrity.*
  - b. Do you agree or disagree with permitting certain modifications when applying the provisions of SFFAS 47, *Reporting Entity*, when necessary to protect classified information? Please provide the rationale for your answer. *Agree. It is important to protect the reporting entity with the classified information.*
  - c. Do you agree or disagree with permitting modifications to disclosures and required supplementary information? Please provide the rationale for your answer. *Agree. Agencies are required by law to protect classified information.*
- Q3. In the future, the Board may issue classified Interpretations of existing standards. The Interpretations would permit other presentation and disclosure options as needed to produce unclassified GPFFR. The other options would protect specific financial statement elements from unauthorized disclosure in an unclassified GPFFR. The classified Interpretations would be developed following a due process involving:
- a. development of classified proposals,
  - b. comment on the proposals from individuals and organizations holding appropriate clearances,
  - c. consideration of comments, and
  - d. issuance of Interpretations to individuals and organizations holding appropriate clearances. (See par. A9 and A10 for a more detailed discussion of the process.)
- Do you agree or disagree with the proposed approach? Please provide the rationale for your answer. *Agree. A due process will ensure accounting integrity without exposing classified information.*
- Q4. The Board is proposing that recorded amounts related to classified information reconcile in aggregate to schedules or other documentation subject to audit. Documentation must

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be retained in the appropriate environment and/or domain to adequately support classified information.

Do you agree or disagree with the conditions necessary to apply the proposed Statement? Please provide the rationale for your answer. [Agree. It is important that accountability still exists while protecting classified information.](#)

Q5. The Board has considered how to inform readers of GPFFRs regarding the potential modifications given the classified nature of the modifications themselves.

a. Do you agree or disagree with the disclosure requirements (see par. 10-14)? Please provide the rationale for your answer. [Agree. This gives agencies the options to disclose or not disclose to protect the information related to classified activities.](#)

b. Do you agree or disagree that component reporting entities may choose to consistently disclose that certain presentations may have been modified? Please provide the rationale for your answer. [Agree. This will give agencies the option to consistency disclose that certain presentations may have been modified without disclosing the classified information.](#)

c. Alternatively, do you believe every component reporting entity of the federal government should be required to disclose that certain presentations may have been modified? Please provide the rationale for your answer. [Requiring every component entity to disclose that certain presentations may have modified may ensure consistency and transparency. However, if agencies believe that such disclosure may risk disclosing the classified activities, they should be provided with the option not to disclose.](#)