

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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NEWS RELEASE

FASAB Issues an Invitation to Comment, *Reexamination of Existing Standards*

The chair of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB or “the Board”), George A. Scott, announced today that FASAB has issued an Invitation to Comment, *Reexamination of Existing Standards*.

FASAB is seeking input¹ from stakeholders on the Board’s project to reexamine existing standards. The objective of the reexamination project is to improve the standards and ensure that they are effective in providing financial information that supports public accountability and meets user needs.

The Board believes it prudent to ensure stakeholders understand the importance of responding to the ITC. “The ITC is an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the existing standards, and it is critical the Board hears the issues and concerns,” according to Chairman Scott.

It is important that respondents support their answers with a detailed explanation, including specific sections or paragraph references within pronouncements where appropriate. This will enable the Board to better understand stakeholder issues and concerns. The information provided through the ITC (and additional outreach and analysis that follows) will assist the Board in prioritizing issues and developing an approach to the reexamination project.

The Board requests responses to the ITC by September 15, 2023. The ITC is available on the FASAB website. Respondents should use the Microsoft Word file available at <https://www.fasab.gov/documents-for-comment/> to provide comments on this ITC. Additional information may be attached.

¹ ITCs are used to request feedback but no specific Board guidance will result.

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Financial reports, which include financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, are essential for public accountability and for an efficient and effective functioning of our democratic system of government. Thus, the Board plays a major role in fulfilling the government's responsibility to be publicly accountable. Federal financial reports should be useful in assessing (1) the government's accountability and its efficiency and effectiveness and (2) the economic, political, and social consequences, whether positive or negative, of the allocation and various uses of federal resources.

FASAB issues federal accounting standards after following a due process consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding under which it operates. Due process includes consideration of the financial and budgetary information needs of citizens, congressional oversight groups, executive agencies, and the needs of other users of federal financial information.

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