

# Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FASAB Issues its Annual Report and Three-Year Plan

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB or “the Board”) published its *Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016 and Three-Year Plan* today. The combined report allows stakeholders to consider FASAB’s progress and invites them to advise the Board about its plans.

The report reviews the Board’s efforts and accomplishments during fiscal year 2016 and provides information about current projects, as well as potential projects the Board considered in past agenda-setting discussions. FASAB requests your written comments regarding the content of the annual report and the Board’s project priorities for the next three years. Written comments are most helpful if they provide the reasoning for your views. Please provide your comments by **January 30, 2017**.

The Board also plans to conduct online surveys to help in assessing the most important priorities for the future and the next steps in its reporting model and performance reporting projects. The surveys will open on November 30<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available then on the FASAB homepage at [www.fasab.gov](http://www.fasab.gov).

The report is available at <http://www.fasab.gov/our-annual-reports/>.

## ABOUT FASAB

*FASAB serves the public interest by improving federal financial reporting through issuing federal financial accounting standards and providing guidance after considering the needs of external and internal users of federal financial information.*

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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