

AAPC Exposure Draft - Technical Release: *Conforming Amendments to Technical Releases for SFFAS 54, Leases*

Questions for Respondents due April 1, 2019

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Q1. In light of the recently issued Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 54, *Leases*, this TR proposes to clarify existing TRs by providing conforming amendments (see paragraphs 3 -10). These conforming amendments acknowledge the SFFAS 54 amendments and further clarify the revised lease accounting standards by eliminating outdated references as a result of the new guidance. TR 10, *Implementation Guidance on Asbestos Cleanup Costs Associated with Facilities and Installed Equipment*, and TR 16, *Implementation Guidance for Internal Use Software*, are being amended because internal use software has specifically been scoped out of SFFAS 54, so the language in these TRs is not consistent with SFFAS 54.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments to TR 10 and TR 16? Please provide the rationale for your answer.

VA – Agree. The amendment to TR 10 removes the reference to capital leases which makes it consistent with SFFAS 54. The amendment to TR 16 removes the requirement to evaluate software licenses against the

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lease criteria in SFFAS 5 paragraphs which were rescinded under publication of SFFAS 54.

- Q2.** The TR 16 amendments clarify that reporting entities should capitalize the cost of internal use software, including software licenses, when such software meets the criteria for general property, plant, and equipment in accordance with SFFAS 10, *Accounting for Internal Use Software*, and the lease accounting concepts would not apply.

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments to TR 16 to clarify the capitalization of internal use software cost? Please provide the rationale for your answer.

VA – Agree. The amendment to TR 16 removes the requirement to evaluate software licenses against lease criteria. VA agrees internal use software with a term of two years or more and periodic payments meeting the Agency’s definition of property, plant, and equipment should be evaluated for capitalization in accordance with SFFAS 6, not SFFAS 54.